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**From:** Meg McCormick Hoerner <meg@hoernerlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 12:06 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Jason Samaritano

Ok. Thank you very much for following up and letting me know.

On Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 11:49 AM Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us> wrote:

Hi Meg,

I just spoke with the criminal division manager in Ocean. Without going into detail, she advised that the matters should remain in Atlantic County. As such, I won't be arguing that the cases should come back to Ocean and will make my appearance in Atlantic.

Thanks!

Taylor



**Taylor Toscano**  
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**To:** Lynn Heyer <[heyer\\_l@acpo.org](mailto:heyer_l@acpo.org)>; Michael Taylor <[michael.taylor@njcourts.gov](mailto:michael.taylor@njcourts.gov)>; Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 11:46 AM  
**To:** Michelle Tierney; Agustina Lane  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Jason Samaritano

Thank you for your assistance!!!



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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Jason Samaritano

Hi Taylor,

This was a venue transfer, not a consolidation. I consulted with Judge Ford, the case is venued in Atlantic and that's where it needs to stay. Please call me if you have any other questions. Thanks.

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Michelle L. Tierney  
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**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Jason Samaritano

Hi Ag and Michelle,

Hope all is well! I'm hoping you can point me in the right direction...based on what I was told, all of Jason Samaritano's cases were sent to Atlantic County due to a conflict with Ocean's Recovery Court. (See attached Order from Judge Ford.)

He entered into Atlantic County Recovery Court for his Atlantic and Monmouth County cases, however, refuses to plead to the Ocean County cases down there. As such, they have been lingering on until recently when I entered my appearance down there and have informally requested that the matters be transferred back to Ocean for trial purposes as the conflict no longer exists if he does not wish to enter Recovery Court on the Ocean cases. His new defense attorney is seeking clarification on why the matters were initially sent to Atlantic, despite having multiple hearings in Ocean prior to his application to Recovery Court. Would you suggest that I send a letter to Judge Ford's chambers requesting that clarification, or is there something in the Court system that shows the conflict and the reason why?

I should also note, the matters were subsequently sent back to Ocean County "for indictment purposes only" from Atlantic. I'm still confused about that one...

Thanks for any guidance you can provide! Have a great weekend.

Taylor



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**From:** Meg McCormick Hoerner <meg@hoernerlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022 4:01 PM  
**To:** Michael Taylor  
**Cc:** Evridiki Golas; Toscano, Taylor; heyer\_l@acpo.org  
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Thank you.

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I will be out of the office on Friday, July 29, 2022. If your matter is emergent please call 732-504-0700 extension 64320 and ask to speak to a supervisor in the Criminal Division, or reach out to Michelle Tierney, Division Manager, at michelle.tierney@njcourts.gov.

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**From:** Luke Wepy <luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:33 AM  
**To:** Jessica Ortega; Larissa DeCarlo; Alyssa Mallgrave; Theresa Vaccaro; Bret Mlynarczyk  
**Cc:** Meg McCormick Hoerner; heyer\_l@acpo.org; Toscano, Taylor  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano, 6/22

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Please list them at 2:00 PM per Judge Waldman.

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Team Leader for Team B / Vacant  
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**To:** Jessica Ortega <jessica.ortega@njcourts.gov>; Larissa DeCarlo <larissa.decarlo@njcourts.gov>; Alyssa Mallgrave <alyssa.mallgrave@njcourts.gov>; Theresa Vaccaro <theresa.vaccaro@njcourts.gov>; Bret Mlynarczyk <Bret.Mlynarczyk@njcourts.gov>  
**Cc:** Meg McCormick Hoerner <meg@hoernerlaw.com>; heyer\_l@acpo.org; TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us  
**Subject:** Jason Samaritano, 6/22

Jess – please postpone to 8/1/22 before judge Waldman – use WALDMANDC – to be heard in person.

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**To:** Meg McCormick Hoerner  
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Judge D'Arcy and I spoke to Judge Waldman briefly yesterday and he advised he is going to keep the cases for the time being. The court event scheduled for tomorrow with Judge D'Arcy will be removed from our calendar.

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**To:** Luke Wepy <luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>  
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**Subject:** [External]State v. Jason Samaritano

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Good morning, Luke:

We were all before Judge Waldman yesterday and he indicated he would keep Jason's cases for the time being and that we do NOT have to appear before Judge Darcy tomorrow 6/22.

We are due to come back before Waldman on 8/1.

Just wanted to make sure you got word so there is no confusion tomorrow. Any questions, let me know.

Meg

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**From:** Emily Anderson <AndersonE@njdcj.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 12:19 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Cc:** Holly Lees  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] SDAG Oath - State v. Jason Samaritano

Thank you, Taylor!

I have saved the copy of the signed/notarized oath for our records. Should you need anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a wonderful week!

Best,  
Emily

**Emily R. Anderson** (she/her/hers)  
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**From:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** Emily Anderson <AndersonE@njdcj.org>  
**Cc:** Holly Lees <LeesH@njdcj.org>  
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Hi Emily,

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Dear Taylor

It was a pleasure talking to you this morning! I hope that you and your family are doing well.

Attached please find the oath in the above-referenced matters that was administered to you today, June 10, 2022. Please sign it in blue ink, have it notarized, and return a copy of the signed/notarized oath to us at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,  
Emily

**Emily R. Anderson** (she/her/hers)  
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When you put all of this together ,there is ONLY one truth behind these currents you've all been hiding behind.

This lowlife , lying Taylor Tuscono from Ocean county can smile now because I've done my Dudilegance!

I'll be filing a motion for the Following:

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??????

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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Fyi  
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I'm Requesting the Judge to legally release my attorney from my case , I'm pro se as of now.

Lauren musarra and the public DEFENDERS office are refusing to accept this and have since illegally changed a court date I already changed.

It would be a violation against my constitutional rights to deny me .

I've clearly stated the reasons . Unless you or another staff member can properly direct me on what needs to be filled out so I can get out of the consistent MALPRACTICE being committed against me.

Note: the state police local Corruption unit was at my home this morning at 10am at my request.

Any further mishandling of my life , my case will be dealt with promptly, legally and swiftly.

No longer will I TOLERATE these behaviors, especially by REGULAR people that took an OATH in their positions to uphold the law.

I'm not going to back off until my legal 14th ammendment is granted !

I need a decision or a direction today.

Sent from my Galaxy

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Good Morning Mr. Samaritano,

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Good morning. Below please find an email that my law clerk received late Friday from Jason Samaritano. This is informational only at this point.

Yours truly,  
Jeffrey J. Waldman, J.S.C.  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
Criminal Division, Vicinage 1  
Recovery Court  
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Evening Judge,

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**Prestia , Donna**

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**To:** Luke Wepy  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano, 5/23

Ok thanks Luke! Have a good weekend.



**Taylor Toscano**  
**Assistant Prosecutor**  
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**Toms River, NJ 08754-2191**  
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Correct.

Luke Wepy  
Team Leader for Honorable Judge Pamela D'Arcy / Team D  
Team Leader for Honorable Judge Patricia Wild / Team B  
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Criminal Division  
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Just confirming its 6/22 now, not 6/20? Thanks!



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In the process of working on it, but should be good to go by next month.



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Case Caption: STATE OF NEW JERSEY VS JASON SAMARITANO

Case Number: [ATL-21-000415](#)

Docket Text: VIOLATION OF MONITORING [\[CRM2022334468\]](#) is scheduled for 09:00 AM on 05/23/2022 with Judge Pamela D'arcy at ATLANTIC SUPERIOR COURT, 4997 UNAMI BLVD, MAYS LANDING, NJ. at Court Room 3

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Case Caption: STATE OF NEW JERSEY VS JASON SAMARITANO

Case Number: [ATL-20-002756](#)

Docket Text: VIOLATION OF MONITORING [\[CRM2022334467\]](#) is scheduled for 01:30 PM on 05/23/2022 with Judge Pamela D'arcy at ATLANTIC SUPERIOR COURT, 4997 UNAMI BLVD, MAYS LANDING, NJ. at Court Room

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Taylor – Per our Presiding Judge – he indicated you should reach out to the AG's office in order to coordinate getting an appointment letter and then one of our Judges can swear you in as a Special Deputy in our county.

Luke Wepy

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Wow you guys are quick!! I just got it. See attached. Thanks for your help in facilitating this! Have a good weekend.



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Is the Ind. Number 22-04-674? If so, I just received it from my supervisor.

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Sure, it was only indicted today, so when it hits my desk I'll send. Thanks!



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Thanks for the update. Can you send me a copy of the new indictment? Once I get that I can forward to our records dept and get the PI scheduled.

Luke

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Hi Luke,

The last of Mr. Samaritano's cases have been indicted. I would like to get duly sworn and appear at his next hearing. When that date is established, would you mind forwarding to me please? Thank you!

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Is the Ind. Number 22-04-674? If so, I just received it from my supervisor.

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Sure, it was only indicted today, so when it hits my desk I'll send. Thanks!



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Taylor



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**Attachments:** 20211229115531695.pdf; Samaritano Change of Venue Order.pdf

Note: it has the wrong name, but the case numbers should be right. Judge Ford's original order had the wrong name so they just continued it idk why -\_-



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**Cc:** Michael Taylor <Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov>; Luke Wepy <luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon,

The order for venue change for purposes of indictment only is attached. I also attached Judge Ford's order from May 4<sup>th</sup> since it is referenced in today's order. Please let me know when it is scheduled for GJ. Thank you and have a Happy New Year!

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Understood. Thank you! I'll await the order. Have a great holiday everyone!

Taylor

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Good afternoon, Taylor

I had a conversation with Melissa McGee this morning. She elucidated for me the reasons for sending, at this time, the Samaritano matters back to Ocean County for indictment, again, at this time. Perhaps it may encourage Mr. Samaritano to resolve his indictments once he understands the State is not, in any way, going to dismiss the cases or sit back on a prosecution of any of the charges involved in these matters. Even though the Ocean County conflict involves the Recovery Court program and not necessarily the Court or your Office, the program is still an appendage of the Court and is a Court program. However, if the matters are not resolved, we can always revisit the ultimate destination for trials.

Ms. McGee will prepare an order for Judge Mendez to sign and send to the Assignment Judge in Ocean County. She informed me that, as the holidays are upon us and she is unsure of the Judge's schedule, she may need a few days to get the order executed and in the appropriate hands.

Aware of the approaching limit of the statute, at least the one case can be tentatively prepped and scheduled in Ocean while the order is being executed.

I hope I have clarified what needed to be further explained. If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to contact me.

Meanwhile, please enjoy the rapidly approaching holidays.

Lynn

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Many thanks. If you end up needing any modifications, or anything at all, please let me know.

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I think it was just a clerical error. I just checked his CCH and he has no aliases.

I forwarded to our records unit to reopen up here, so I don't believe it should be a problem given the listed case numbers.

Thanks!  
Taylor



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Hello,

The original transfer order from Ocean had Joseph as well, so we mirrored that. I will have to research why and get back to you.

Does anyone else recall any reasoning/known aka before I start pulling the Ocean complaints etc?

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Jason Samaritano

Hi everyone,

I was reviewing the Order to provide to our court staff and it appears the defendants name is incorrect. Instead of "Jason Samaritano" the caption reads "Joseph Samaritano." Will a new Order be generated?

Thank you!  
Taylor



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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon,

The order for venue change for purposes of indictment only is attached. I also attached Judge Ford's order from May 4<sup>th</sup> since it is referenced in today's order. Please let me know when it is scheduled for GJ. Thank you and have a Happy New Year!

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Understood. Thank you! I'll await the order. Have a great holiday everyone!

Taylor

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Good afternoon, Taylor

I had a conversation with Melissa McGee this morning. She elucidated for me the reasons for sending, at this time, the Samaritano matters back to Ocean County for indictment, again, at this time. Perhaps it may encourage Mr. Samaritano to resolve his indictments once he understands the State is not, in any way, going to dismiss the cases or sit back on a prosecution of any of the charges involved in these matters. Even though the Ocean County conflict involves the Recovery Court program and not necessarily the Court or your Office, the program is still an appendage of the Court and is a Court program. However, if the matters are not resolved, we can always revisit the ultimate destination for trials.

Ms. McGee will prepare an order for Judge Mendez to sign and send to the Assignment Judge in Ocean County. She informed me that, as the holidays are upon us and she is unsure of the Judge's schedule, she may need a few days to get the order executed and in the appropriate hands.

Aware of the approaching limit of the statute, at least the one case can be tentatively prepped and scheduled in Ocean while the order is being executed.

I hope I have clarified what needed to be further explained. If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to contact me.

Meanwhile, please enjoy the rapidly approaching holidays.

Lynn

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 10:30 AM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor; Melissa McGee  
**Cc:** Michael Taylor; Luke Wepy  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Good morning, again

I can echo A/P Toxcano's comments. I have prepared accusations and anticipated a plea in to recovery court on all the Ocean County matters. Mr. Samaritano has consistently and steadfastly refused to waive his right to grand jury. He has also repeatedly indicated he will not plead to the matters. Consequently, the matters were transferred to the trial team via grand jury.

Lynn

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor [mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** Melissa McGee; Lynn Heyer  
**Cc:** Michael Taylor; Luke Wepy  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

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I'm not sure I am fully understanding. If the defendant does not want to plead into drug court in Atlantic to the outstanding Ocean cases, there is no conflict and the cases could be returned to Ocean entirely for disposition by the trial team. The conflict with Ocean's drug court team was the sole reason the matter was transferred by Judge Ford. Mr. Samaritano has made it clear that he does not intend to plead to these as part of his drug court sentence (I believe) multiple times. I am willing to accept the case back to Ocean since the reason for Judge Ford's transfer to Atlantic is now moot.



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**Cc:** Michael Taylor <Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov>; Luke Wepy <luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Good morning,

Both AJ and PJ only want the GJ presentment in Ocean to get the cases moving if the defendant won't plead/waive presentment. Post indictment the matters are to be disposed of in Atlantic per Judge Ford's previous order since there is an existing conflict with Ocean County Courts via Drug Court staff. I can prepare an order to transfer for the purpose of indictment only and to be transferred post indictment back to Atlantic per Judge Ford's previous order.

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**Cc:** Michael Taylor <Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov>; Luke Wepy <luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Good morning everyone,

I agree with Lynn and echo everything she has said. Thank you!

Taylor



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**Cc:** Michael Taylor <Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov>; Luke Wepy <luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>; Toscano, Taylor

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

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Good morning, Melissa, and happy holidays

Thank you so very much for reaching out to me concerning Mr. Samaritano's unresolved matters, one of which needs to be presented to the Grand Jury in very short order due to the age of the case.

I have been in contact with the Assistant Prosecutor in Ocean County, Taylor Toscano. I am copying her on this email. It has always been her thoughts, as well as mine, that the unresolved matters be returned to Ocean County since the conflict was always with the therapeutic care providers for the recovery court.

As the original order was signed by the Assignment Judge in Ocean County, it is my belief that an order should be prepared here and signed by our Assignment Judge transferring the unresolved matters back to Ocean County for resolution in the normal course of prosecution. At this time, Ocean County has no jurisdiction over the cases.

Whatever we can do to facilitate this transfer should be endeavored soon as the statute of limitations is running on all of the cases, one is particularly old. So, it would be great to get this done in a timely manner.

My best wishes to you and Judge Mendez for happy and healthy holidays.  
Lynn

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**From:** Melissa McGee [<mailto:Melissa.McGee@njcourts.gov>]

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**To:** Lynn Heyer

**Cc:** Michael Taylor; Luke Wepy

**Subject:** Jason Samaritano

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Good morning Lynn and Happy Holidays!!!

I chatted with Judge DeLury and Judge Mendez on Jason Samaritano's Ocean County matters. They would like the Ocean matters to be presented in Ocean County since there is no existing conflict with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office. They requested that be coordinated between the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and Ocean County Prosecutor's Office. If indicted in Ocean then the matters would be heard in Atlantic County for disposition per Judge Ford's transfer order. The PIAs would be scheduled before D team. Please let me know if you need a letter or anything at all to facilitate Ocean County Prosecutor's Office presenting the Ocean County matters for indictment. Many thanks!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021 3:58 PM

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Samaritano

Good afternoon

As a follow up to A/P Toscano's email below – I can advise the defendant has steadfastly refused to plead any of his four Ocean County matters, transferred here due to an alleged conflict with, I have been told but can not confirm, an employee of the recovery court in Ocean County. I do not know if that person was a therapeutic care provider or a probation officer (I believe it was a probation officer because allegations included defendant's claim that he was not phased up due to his spurning of the romantic or sexual advances of the employee/probation officer – defendant's allegations) I can forward the case if Your Honor would like to read the opinion.

Mr. Samaritano has litigated at least one of his Ocean County cases by way of a motion to dismiss the case. This motion was heard by Judge Sandson and denied.

As such, defendant was presented with numerous opportunities to plead to his four matters sent here from Ocean County. He has refused, citing he does not have "all the discovery." Discovery was provided to him through his attorney, Nellie Marquez. He was also represented by Holly Bitters upon Ms. Marquez' retirement. Ms. Marquez as well as Ms. Bitters confirmed to the Court that Mr. Samaritano has been provided ALL the voluminous discovery, (The four cases all involve theft, theft by deception, shoplifting and theft by deception). All cases have victims.

Judge Waldman had Mr. Samaritano appear on numerous occasions to ponder his options, Defendant was given one last opportunity to plead to concurrent terms on his four Ocean County matters that would also run concurrent to his Atlantic County and Monmouth County cases. (Defendant incurred a case in Monmouth, attempted to get in to their recovery court, he was rejected by Monmouth's recovery court and his case was transferred here for sentencing into our

recovery court where it was accepted over the State's (Atlantic County) objections to his entry as a danger to the community. He continued to decline the State's offer for the Ocean County, indicating he can't plead citing he did not have "all the discovery". As such, he never entered a plea on any of the Ocean cases. Judge Waldman sent them back to the trial team. They are currently awaiting grand jury.

Mr. Samaritano resides in Ocean County. His four cases involve a great deal of paper discovery as well as media. All the witnesses in the four matters are from Ocean County. Moreover, Jason Samaritano has never indicated he had a conflict with Ocean County's Prosecutor's Office or the Ocean County Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Lynn Heyer

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021 3:33 PM

**To:** Luke Wepy; Lynn Heyer

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Samaritano

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Hi Luke,

Just left you a voicemail actually. The case was sent to Atlantic solely due to a conflict with Ocean's drug court team. Based on the conflict, and on the Court's own accord, AJSC Ford sent the case to Atlantic. Since Mr. Samaritano is refusing to plea to drug court in Atlantic, it does not make sense that the case remains there. Based on past experience with several different counties, it is my understanding that AJ's from each county speak about the matter and it is subsequently transferred once the receiving county "accepts." The acceptance is by the courthouse, not the parties. My suggestion is perhaps the trial Judge would bring it to the attention of the AJ there, who would subsequently talk to Ocean's AJ and the matter would be sent back and put back on our trial calendar.

With regards to your previous emails, I am unable to file anything or get consent from my adversary. This situation differs from a consolidation order where it would usually require consent and signatures by all parties. There is essentially no case up here, and therefore no attorney. There is also no assigned Judge and I am not in a position to ask an AJ if they would sign an order sending it back here, since the matter is presently before a different jurisdiction. Additionally, I am not able to file anything in Atlantic as I am not sworn there.

Please let me know if you need anything further. Thanks!

Taylor



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Can one of you email me the details of what needs to be done and maybe history of situation so I can show it to Judge D'Arcy in writing? Then hopefully I can get Judge D'Arcy, Judge Waldman, and Judge Mendez on the same page.

Luke Wepy

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That should read the attny for Mr. Samaritano in Ocean County.

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Your Judge and the attny for Mr. Diaz in Ocean county.

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Hi everyone,

For clarification, who is the "them" that I am supposed to get a signature from?

Thanks!  
Taylor

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Good afternoon  
I am forwarding to Ms. Toscano with a very emphatic :”please”

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**From:** Luke Wepy [<mailto:luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>]  
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I was hoping the Ocean prosecutor would draw it up and get them to sign it first but I guess that’s not going to happen?

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As I am in front of Judge Waldman, can we get the order from one of the trial attorneys?

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor [<mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>]  
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**To:** Lynn Heyer  
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Sure that works for me. I believe our assignment judge has to "accept" it back but that shouldn't be a problem if the order reflects why (end of the conflict). Let me know if an order gets signed and I'll await a court date here.

Thanks!!

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All she needs to do is draw up an order and send it to us I think. Judge D'Arcy indicated she is willing to sign it to send them back to Ocean. It would depend on if the Ocean side of the equation will sign it to take it back.

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**From:** Luke Wepy [<mailto:luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:53 AM  
**To:** Lynn Heyer; [Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: [External]

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I spoke to Judge D'Arcy and she is in agreement that we should send these cases back to Ocean. She said, "Someone send me an order". LOL

I would suggest contacting the pros in Ocean who wants them back and getting an order drawn up so it can make the rounds. If you can get the Ocean side of it to sign off on getting them back then we can easily send them back since everyone here wants to get rid of them.

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**From:** Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** [Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov); Luke Wepy <[luke.wepy@njcourts.gov](mailto:luke.wepy@njcourts.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]

Totally agree!

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**From:** Musarra, Lauren [OPD] [<mailto:Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2021 2:18 PM  
**To:** Luke Wepy; Lynn Heyer  
**Subject:** Re: [External]

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I guess transfer back to Ocean would have to be discussed between the relevant judges given the lack of detail in the order. Can we brief Judge D'Arcy on the matter? Though I imagine any decisions would realistically need to be made between the assignment judges. But I think it's up to the judges (at whatever level) to figure this out. The State and defense appear to be in total agreement that it makes zero sense for us to keep Ocean's cases if they're not under Drug Court's umbrella.

**Lauren E. Musarra**

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**From:** Luke Wepy <[luke.wepy@njcourts.gov](mailto:luke.wepy@njcourts.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2021 12:51 PM

**To:** [heyer\\_l@acpo.org](mailto:heyer_l@acpo.org) <[heyer\\_l@acpo.org](mailto:heyer_l@acpo.org)>; Musarra, Lauren [OPD] <[Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: [External]

So we are stuck with them.

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**From:** Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2021 12:43 PM

**To:** Luke Wepy <[luke.wepy@njcourts.gov](mailto:luke.wepy@njcourts.gov)>; [Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Lauren.Musarra@opd.nj.gov)

**Subject:** FW: [External]

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**From:** Michael Taylor [<mailto:Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 10:57 AM

**To:** Lynn Heyer; Briana Munoz; Debbie Davis

**Subject:** RE: [External]

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Hi Lynn

This was the only transfer order that we received from Ocean County.

**From:** Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 10:54 AM

**To:** Michael Taylor <[Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov](mailto:Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov)>; Briana Munoz <[briana.munoz@njcourts.gov](mailto:briana.munoz@njcourts.gov)>; Debbie Davis <[Debbie.Davis@njcourts.gov](mailto:Debbie.Davis@njcourts.gov)>

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I hate to ask this, but I'm predicting where this is going – can I please have copies of all the transfer orders on Samaritano

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**From:** Lynn Heyer <Heyer\_L@acpo.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 1, 2021 12:40:26 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: [External] Jason Samaritano

I think, since the original order came from Ocean, Mr. Wepy is referring to Ocean, but I am not sure who "them" is. Taylor, I'm in court now but will call you later if that's okay?

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor [mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 1, 2021 12:38 PM  
**To:** Lynn Heyer; Luke Wepy  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: [External] Jason Samaritano

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Hi everyone,

For clarification, who is the "them" that I am supposed to get a signature from?

Thanks!

Taylor

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**From:** Lynn Heyer <Heyer\_L@acpo.org>  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: [External] Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon

I am forwarding to Ms. Toscano with a very emphatic : "please"

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**From:** Luke Wepy [mailto:luke.wepy@njcourts.gov]  
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**To:** Lynn Heyer  
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I was hoping the Ocean prosecutor would draw it up and get them to sign it first but I guess that's not going to happen?

Luke Wepy

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**To:** Luke Wepy <luke.wepy@njcourts.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: [External] Jason Samaritano

As I am in front of Judge Waldman, can we get the order from one of the trial attorneys?

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor [mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:01 PM

**To:** Lynn Heyer

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: [External] Jason Samaritano

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Sure that works for me. I believe our assignment judge has to "accept" it back but that shouldn't be a problem if the order reflects why (end of the conflict). Let me know if an order gets signed and I'll await a court date here.

Thanks!!

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**From:** Lynn Heyer <Heyer\_L@acpo.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:07:57 AM

**To:** Toscano, Taylor (TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us) <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>

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This is what I received from Judge D'Arcy's team leader this morning.

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**From:** Luke Wepy [mailto:luke.wepy@njcourts.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:00 AM

**To:** Lynn Heyer

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: [External] Jason Samaritano

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## Prestia , Donna

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**From:** Sabrina Estefan-Maldonado <sabrina.estefanmaldo@njcourts.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 14, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor; Michael Taylor; heyer\_l@acpo.org; Melissa McGee; Margaret Koping (MKoping@mcponj.org); Jeffrey Waldman; Khendel Ruffin; Holly.bitters@opd.nj.gov  
**Cc:** Ashley Chavers; Litria Scodella; Christopher Williams; Agustina Lane  
**Subject:** RE: [External]RE: SAMARITANO, JASON W-2017-1034-1506 OCN-17003513  
**Attachments:** SAMARITANO VOM.pdf

Good afternoon,

A violation of monitoring was filed for this defendant under W-2017-1034-1506 OCN-17003513. Please forward to the appropriate trial team for scheduling.

Thank you,  
Sabrina

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1:19 PM  
**To:** Michael Taylor <Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov>; Sabrina Estefan-Maldonado <sabrina.estefanmaldo@njcourts.gov>; heyer\_l@acpo.org; Melissa McGee <Melissa.Mcgee@njcourts.gov>; Margaret Koping (MKoping@mcponj.org) <MKoping@mcponj.org>; Jeffrey Waldman <jeffrey.waldman@njcourts.gov>; Khendel Ruffin <khendel.ruffin@njcourts.gov>; Holly.bitters@opd.nj.gov  
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**Subject:** RE: [External]RE: SAMARITANO, JASON W-2017-1034-1506 OCN-17003513

This matter was only transferred to Atlantic County due to a conflict with the Ocean County Drug Court team. If he is not being sentenced into drug court there, should the transfer order be vacated so the matters can be handled by Ocean County?



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Cc: Ashley Chavers <ashley.chavers@njcourts.gov>; Litria Scodella <litria.scodella@njcourts.gov>; Christopher Williams <christopher.williams@njcourts.gov>; Agustina Lane <agustina.lane@njcourts.gov>  
Subject: RE: [External]RE: SAMARITANO, JASON W-2017-1034-1506 OCN-17003513

Good afternoon,

The Atlantic County Prosecutors Office will be opening cases in Promis Gavel this week for the Ocean County matters. Once opened, they will all be scheduled before the trial team for disposition. Thanks

Mike

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**From:** Sabrina Estefan-Maldonado <sabrina.estefanmaldo@njcourts.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 12:46 PM  
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**Cc:** Ashley Chavers <ashley.chavers@njcourts.gov>; Litria Scodella <litria.scodella@njcourts.gov>; Christopher Williams <christopher.williams@njcourts.gov>; Agustina Lane <agustina.lane@njcourts.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]RE: SAMARITANO, JASON W-2017-1034-1506 OCN-17003513

Good afternoon Ms. Heyer,

Thank you very much for your response. This confirms that the defendant must continue to be monitored by PTS on his Ocean County case W-2017-1034-1506 OCN-17003513.

However, my question is, shouldn't PG cases for Atlantic County have been opened that contain the transferred Ocean County complaints/charges? This way, the appropriate hearings and data entry can be recorded to properly reflect the progression of the case.

I only see ATL 20002756 as active in PG; however, this case does not have any underlying charging documents and does not appear to correspond to any of the Ocean County matters that were previously transferred to ATL.

Can you please advise if Promis Gavel cases will be built so that we can track the cases until they are eventually disposed of?

Thank you very much for your time and consideration to this matter.

Thank you,

**Sabrina Estefan-Maldonado**  
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**From:** Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 12:29 PM

**To:** Sabrina Estefan-Maldonado <[sabrina.estefanmaldo@njcourts.gov](mailto:sabrina.estefanmaldo@njcourts.gov)>; Michael Taylor <[Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov](mailto:Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov)>; Melissa McGee <[Melissa.Mcgee@njcourts.gov](mailto:Melissa.Mcgee@njcourts.gov)>; [TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us); Margaret Koping ([MKoping@mcponj.org](mailto:MKoping@mcponj.org)) <[MKoping@mcponj.org](mailto:MKoping@mcponj.org)>; Jeffrey Waldman <[jeffrey.waldman@njcourts.gov](mailto:jeffrey.waldman@njcourts.gov)>; Khendel Ruffin <[khendel.ruffin@njcourts.gov](mailto:khendel.ruffin@njcourts.gov)>; [Holly.bitters@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Holly.bitters@opd.nj.gov)

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Good afternoon Ms. Estefan-Maldonado

Thank you for reaching out to me. I will attempt to answer your query concerning Mr. Samaritano as there seems to be a misinterpretation concerning the status of Jason Samaritano Ocean County cases.

Indeed Mr. Samaritano's four cases in Ocean County were transferred to Atlantic County for the purpose of resolution by way of plea and entering the Atlantic County Recovery Court Program. In addition to his Ocean County matters, he had one case in Monmouth County that was also transferred here for sentencing (he plead to that case in Monmouth) purposes in to our Recovery Court.

However, Mr. Samaritano has declined to plead to any of his Ocean County matters. They remain open and unresolved, consequently, he has not been sentenced on any Ocean County matters. The only two matters he has resolved and sentenced in to Recovery Court are the Atlantic County and Monmouth County cases.

I hope this clarifies for you the status of his Ocean County cases, particularly that which involved your Pre-trial services warrant case.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,  
Lynn Heyer

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**From:** Sabrina Estefan-Maldonado [<mailto:sabrina.estefanmaldo@njcourts.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:33 AM

**To:** Lynn Heyer

**Cc:** Ashley Chavers; Litria Scodella; Christopher Williams

**Subject:** SAMARITANO, JASON W-2017-1034-1506 OCN-17003513

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Good morning Ms. Heyer,

I hope you can assist me.

Defendant Jason Samaritano was ordered released to pretrial monitoring under W-2017-1034-1506 OCN-17003513 on 04/06/2018. This case was transferred to Atlantic County on 05/04/2020 (transfer order attached).

The defendant was sentenced to Drug Court ATL 18002303 and 2002755 on 12/21/2020. Defendant insists the cases he was sentenced to in Atlantic County include the case he is currently being monitored on by Pretrial Services. However, we are unable to confirm if the defendant was actually sentenced on this case because none of the ATL cases list complaint W-2017-1034-1506 in the charging document section, and the charges entered in the system do not match those listed in complaint W-2017-1034-1506:

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Can you please advise if this complaint was disposed of? If it was, can you please provide confirmation in writing or have the information entered in PG?

Please let me know if I should direct this request to another person.

I'd appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully,

**Sabrina Estefan-Maldonado**

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Holly,

Please talk with Jason about this. Let him know that he has to either plead it out here and have the sentences run concurrent, nunc pro tunc, or that they have to go back to Ocean. Thanks.

Yours truly,  
Jeffrey J. Waldman, J.S.C.  
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Criminal Division, Vicinage 1  
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**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 11:19 AM

**To:** Michael Taylor <Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov>; Briana Munoz (briana.munoz@njcourts.gov)

<briana.munoz@njcourts.gov>; Nellie Marquez (Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov) <Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>

**Cc:** Margaret Koping <MKoping@mcponj.org>; Toscano, Taylor (TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us) <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Jason Samaritano

Mike

The victim in the Monmouth matter – Linda Gonzalez, would like to be present in the event Mr. Samaritano is ultimately sentenced on his Monmouth matter on Monday. Her email address is as follows – [REDACTED]. She may want to address the Court at the sentencing but would, at the very least, like to view the proceeding.

Thanks very much

Lynn

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**Prestia , Donna**

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**From:** Marquez, Nellie <Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 12:46 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: Jason Samaritano memo

Thanks Taylor, I will be in the office tomorrow but I will share your email with my secretary to see if anything came in yet . Thanks again!

Very truly yours,  
**Nellie Marquez, Esq.**  
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**From:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** Marquez, Nellie <Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: Jason Samaritano memo

Nellie,

I sent out 3 cds with all of the discovery you requested on it. It should arrive this week, if it hasn't already. Please let me know if you need anything else. Thanks!

Taylor



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**From:** Marquez, Nellie <Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020 10:46 AM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: Jason Samaritano memo

ok Thank you Taylor, I am not saying that it is, he is insisting that it is part of his case. Thank you for providing it to me.

Very truly yours,  
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**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 7:06 PM  
**To:** Marquez, Nellie <[Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]RE: Jason Samaritano memo

Nellie,

I contacted the investigating detective regarding the video you were talking about. I'm not sure how the video is relevant, but he was kind enough to find it on YouTube. This was not provided to the detective in any CD form to be placed into evidence. It was merely a link.

<https://youtu.be/9dfT4bT-FHg>



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**From:** Marquez, Nellie <Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: Jason Samaritano memo

Mr. Samaritano provided a video of some encounter he had with the Zoning or building inspector regarding the 2016 incident that was indicted. He provided a copy to the Det. and it was said to have been logged into evidence I am able to get the tapes that you provided of the phone calls to the Detective via your email not the building inspector. I will attempt to retrieve the evidence again but when I reached out to the help desk for [evidence.com](http://evidence.com) they indicated that the prosecutor has to make it available to me.

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 1:30 PM  
**To:** Marquez, Nellie <Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>; Lynn Heyer <Heyer\_L@acpo.org>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: Jason Samaritano memo

Nellie,

Please don't put words in my mouth. I simply said I'm not sure how it comes up for defense attorneys, since I am shown a different screen, but provided you several links and instructions. I've copied our email thread below to refresh your memory about our exchange regarding discovery. I'm assuming you cannot access [evidence.com](http://evidence.com) I will arrange to have the contracts sent to you. I am confused which video you are talking about... you said "he submitted"—not sure who "he" is...the home depot one? Please clarify.

Thanks,  
Taylor

"Ok, you may have to make an account and then it should provide you access.



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**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Ok I will try it, when I went into the link I had to sign up and get a password, it didn't take me to the discovery but I will play with it. I am in recovery court and waiting for pol counsel to finish up some matters, so I am just working on trying to access while I wait.  
I will let you know if I can't access it.

**From:** Toscano, Taylor [<mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** Marquez, Nellie <[Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

It should be a link and should take you right to the file for download. If not, try typing in the PD case numbers found on the corresponding complaint. They would be entered in the evidence box at the top. I only have access as a prosecutor, so not completely sure what a defense attorney sees.

Any issues, please let me know.



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**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 12:50 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Ok I found the email but I am being honest I have never used this system so how do I access things? Do I just enter his name?

**From:** Toscano, Taylor [<mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 12:31 PM  
**To:** Marquez, Nellie <[Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov)>; Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Hi Nellie,

[Evidence.com](https://evidence.com) should have sent you a link last week when I added your email to the case. The email would have come from them. Please let me know if you did not receive their link and I'll see if they can be sent via email, although the files are quite large so not sure if that will work. Thanks!

Taylor



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**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 12:08 PM

**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>; Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

I don't have access to [evidence.com](https://evidence.com) I am not sure how to access that?

**From:** Toscano, Taylor [<mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 11:12 AM  
**To:** Marquez, Nellie <[Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov)>; Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Hi Nellie,

Those contracts were sent via [evidence.com](https://evidence.com) and labeled as "enclosures" for both cases. The system indicates you have not opened those yet. Please take a look at them and let me know if you are still missing anything.

Additionally, with regards to a phone call between Ken Anderson of the building department and Det. O'Neill, **can you point me to where that's referenced in the paperwork so I can reach out to the detective and obtain the requested information?** I did send one recording, but not sure if that is the one we are both talking about.  
Thanks!

Taylor



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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Taylor

I don't see copies of all the signed contracts for all pending matters. I see that the Linda Hisrch contract is provided but not the other 2 remaining matters. Please provide those asap so that I can review them with my client.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 3:29 PM  
**To:** Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>; Marquez, Nellie <[Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Nellie,

Attached you'll find documents and recordings in reference to all of your below requests. Additional documents and videos were forwarded to you from evidence.com. Our case numbers are different due to the transfer, but I believe I have provided everything you requested. This was also sent to Mr. Samaritano's prior attorney while the case was here in Ocean County so he should be familiar with everything.

With regards to the 2017 contractor case out of Brick—that matter was originally remanded back to municipal court as there was multiple outstanding consumer affairs complaints pending there relating to that job. I've attached them for your review. We recalled the case to extend a global offer for the benefit of Mr. Samaritano, which included the dismissal of those consumer affairs complaints should be plead guilty to either state prison or as part of a drug court sentence.

It seems Mr. Samaritano is no longer interested in drug court for the Ocean County cases. Please advise if that is still the case as Lynn has already explained that the conflict with Ocean County is only the drug court program, not the prosecutor's office. I would be interested in taking the case back and filing a motion to revoke Mr. Samaritano's release, as I'm sure you are aware he was detained on these cases and was only let out due to his interest in drug court. My offer remains at 3 years NJSP, until indictment on the new cases.

Please let me know if there are any other documents you are looking for and what Mr. Samaritano plans to do with his Ocean County cases.

Thanks!  
Taylor



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**To:** Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>; Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: Jason Samaritano memo

Thank you for the updates. Taylor I asked you how to access the discovery and you informed me that you had no idea how it was accessed by defense counsel you only knew how to access it through the prosecutors office and now your saying that I ever reached out to you.

I need the contracts and the video that he submitted. Please make it available at your earliest convenience.

<image002.jpg>

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**From:** Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 9:16 AM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>; Margaret Koping ([MKoping@mcponj.org](mailto:MKoping@mcponj.org))  
<[MKoping@mcponj.org](mailto:MKoping@mcponj.org)>  
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**From:** Marquez, Nellie [<mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 22, 2020 12:27 PM  
**To:** Lynn Heyer; Jeffrey Waldman; Bitters, Holly; John Bond ([John.Bond@njcourts.gov](mailto:John.Bond@njcourts.gov));  
Evridiki Golas; Karabulut, Aram  
**Subject:** Re: Jason Samaritano memo

**[EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.]**

Please make note that Mr. Samaritano according to the attached memo, filed suit against a probation officer from recovery court and not just the Therapeutic providers, hence he has filed a lawsuit against a member of the Ocean County Drug Court team, as his suit involved the probation officers actions or lack of actions as a member of that team.

While the Ocean County prosecutor has deemed on her own that her office does not have a conflict, I believe that the Assignment Judge in Ocean County found that there is a "conflict" and transferred venue to Atlantic. If Ocean County Prosecutor did not believe there was a conflict, then they should have filed a motion objecting to the change of venue.

The Ocean County Prosecutor did not respond to my inquiry as to whether discovery had been provided for un-indicted matters in particular the matters that had been downgraded to municipal court in 2017. It is my understanding that no discovery as to those matters had been no provided. prior to this matter being transferred.

Again, defense counsel can not access the discovery through the Ocean County portal of Evidence.Com and I have attempted to on several occasions. It is the state's responsibility to provide discovery and I should not have to jump through hoops to get discovery that has been in the State's possession for several years. I asked for the audio tape that Mr. Samaritano provided Ocean county regarding the building inspector and have yet to receive it, even though it is noted that a copy was placed in discovery. Why copies of signed contracts have not been provided with paper discovery is beyond explanation. The contracts and the failure to comply with the contracts are the basis of at least 3 of the charges from Ocean county. When I asked the State why a matter that was remanded in 2017 was suddenly brought back up to Superior court after an order had been signed transferring venue, the response was that it was done in exchange for consumer complaints being dismissed, which makes no sense because they were not criminal complaints.

Again, I can not access all relevant discovery in the open matters.

Very truly yours,  
*Nellie Marquez, Esq.*

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[Evidence.com](https://evidence.com) should have sent you a link last week when I added your email to the case. The email would have come from them. Please let me know if you did not receive their link and I'll see if they can be sent via email, although the files are quite large so not sure if that will work. Thanks!

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Hi Nellie,

Those contracts were sent via [evidence.com](https://evidence.com) and labeled as "enclosures" for both cases. The system indicates you have not opened those yet. Please take a look at them and let me know if you are still missing anything.

Additionally, with regards to a phone call between Ken Anderson of the building department and Det. O'Neill, **can you point me to where that's referenced in the paperwork so I can reach out to the detective and obtain the requested information?** I did send one recording, but not sure if that is the one we are both talking about.  
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I don't see copies of all the signed contracts for all pending matters. I see that the Linda Hirsch contract is provided but not the other 2 remaining matters. Please provide those asap so that I can review them with my client.

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With regards to the 2017 contractor case out of Brick—that matter was originally remanded back to municipal court as there was multiple outstanding consumer affairs complaints pending there relating to that job. I've attached them for your review. We recalled the case to extend a global offer for the benefit of Mr. Samaritano, which included the dismissal of those consumer affairs complaints should be plead guilty to either state prison or as part of a drug court sentence.

It seems Mr. Samaritano is no longer interested in drug court for the Ocean County cases. Please advise if that is still the case as Lynn has already explained that the conflict with Ocean County is only the drug court program,

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I did create an account and still am unable to access anything, but i will attempt a 4th time

Very truly yours,  
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Please don't put words in my mouth. I simply said I'm not sure how it comes up for defense attorneys, since I am shown a different screen, but provided you several links and instructions. I've copied our email thread below to refresh your memory about our exchange regarding discovery. I'm assuming you cannot access [evidence.com](https://evidence.com) I will arrange to have the contracts sent to you. I am confused which video you are talking about... you said "he submitted"—not sure who "he" is...the home depot one? Please clarify.

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Ok I will try it, when I went into the link I had to sign up and get a password, it didn't take me to the discovery but I will play with it. I am in recovery court and waiting for pol counsel to finish up some matters, so I am just working on trying to access while I wait.

I will let you know if I can't access it.

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Any issues, please let me know.



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Hi Nellie,

[Evidence.com](#) should have sent you a link last week when I added your email to the case. The email would have come from them. Please let me know if you did not receive their link and I'll see if they can be sent via email, although the files are quite large so not sure if that will work. Thanks!

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Taylor  
I don't see copies of all the signed contracts for all pending matters. I see that the Linda Hirsch contract is provided but not the other 2 remaining matters. Please provide those asap so that I can review them with my client.

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COURT JURISDICT : REQUESTOR :

EVENT ACTION : COMPLETED REASON : MUNIC REMAND/DOWNGR

PROSECUTOR : ARMSTRONG ROBERT

JUDGE :

DEFENSE ATTY :

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Taylor

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Taylor

I am asking about the delay in providing the discovery to ACPO, who then was able to provide it to me. . They didn't receive discovery until September of this year and the unindicated matters from 2017 and 2019- would not have been provided to PD in Ocean unless your county is different and provides pre-indictment discovery for matters that a defendant is not detained?

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Nellie,

I believe your delay in discovery question could be answered by asking his public defender in Ocean County. This was all provided to him back in the Spring. I assumed he sent everything to you when you substituted in.

Please let me know what Mr. Samaritano decides once you go over everything with him. I'd like to take the case back sooner rather than later if he is not interested in drug court, especially with grand jury opening back up.

Thanks! Have a good weekend!

Taylor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Thank you for the additional discovery I will review it and share it with my client. My client is not prepared to resolve matters where complete discovery has not been made available for me to review with him. Upon our review of discovery for all matters he will make a decision as to how he wishes to proceed. I don't believe that any discovery was provided to him while he was incarcerated and there is extensive discovery for him to review. I don't understand why the discovery was not provided prior to my filing a motion in September. All the matters were transferred by Ocean county in May 2020, do you know the reason for delay in providing discovery?

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**To:** Lynn Heyer <[Heyer\\_L@acpo.org](mailto:Heyer_L@acpo.org)>; Marquez, Nellie <[Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Nellie,

Attached you'll find documents and recordings in reference to all of your below requests. Additional documents and videos were forwarded to you from [evidence.com](https://evidence.com). Our case numbers are different due to the transfer, but I believe I have provided everything you requested. This was also sent to Mr. Samaritano's prior attorney while the case was here in Ocean County so he should be familiar with everything.

With regards to the 2017 contractor case out of Brick—that matter was originally remanded back to municipal court as there was multiple outstanding consumer affairs complaints pending there relating to that job. I've attached them for your review. We recalled the case to extend a global offer for the benefit of Mr. Samaritano, which included the dismissal of those consumer affairs complaints should be plead guilty to either state prison or as part of a drug court sentence.

It seems Mr. Samaritano is no longer interested in drug court for the Ocean County cases. Please advise if that is still the case as Lynn has already explained that the conflict with Ocean County is only the drug court program, not the prosecutor's office. I would be interested in taking the case back and filing a motion to revoke Mr. Samaritano's release, as I'm sure you are aware he was detained on these cases and was only let out due to his interest in drug court. My offer remains at 3 years NJSP, until indictment on the new cases.

Please let me know if there are any other documents you are looking for and what Mr. Samaritano plans to do with his Ocean County cases.

Thanks!  
Taylor



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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Per our previous discussion and the indication, by his own statement, that your client was not inclined to plea on the Ocean County matters, I have not requested additional discovery. I made you aware of that fact and you were in agreement. I am, by way of this email, forwarding your inquiries and requests to the Ocean County Assistant Prosecutor for their assistance.

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**From:** Marquez, Nellie [<mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** Lynn Heyer  
**Subject:** Jason Samaritano

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I spoke with him today and there is additional discovery; In the indicted matter from Ocean 20-03-497 I need a copy of the original contract signed by both parties in its entirety and a copy of the tape that police reviewed and added to the case file. regarding Ken Anderson the building inspector

On 20-2752 I need copies of the signed contracts and if you can provide me a reason why the matter was remanded in 2017 and now all of a sudden in May of this year it was brought back up to superior court

CASE NUMBER : 17003513 DEFENDANT NO : 001

DEFENDANT NAME : SAMARITANO JASON C

ACTUAL DATE : 12 21 2017 ACTUAL PROCEED : DOWNGRADE

SCHED DATE : 12 21 2017 SCHED PROCEED : UNSCHEDULED EVENT

COURT JURISDICT : REQUESTOR :

EVENT ACTION : COMPLETED REASON : MUNIC REMAND/DOWNGR

PROSECUTOR : ARMSTRONG ROBERT

JUDGE :

DEFENSE ATTY :

INVESTIGATOR : NASATKA JAMES

COURT REPORTER :

CT REP COMMENTS :

:

PROCEED COMMENTS:

The case was in municipal court for almost 3 years.

20-2755 I need a copy of the original contract signed by both parties in its entirety

20-2756- any surveillance tape and copies of the original receipts that the defendant presented to the cashier at home depot. What was provided was a receipt that was issued that date for \$250.01 and the other one for \$59.20 has an original rec from 05/31/19, where is that receipt?

Thanks,  
Nellie

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Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in this matter.

Lynn Heyer

**From:** Marquez, Nellie [<mailto:Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 2:59 PM

**To:** Lynn Heyer

**Subject:** FW: Jason Samaritano

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Lynn

I had to file this motion because Jason and I had a huge argument about this Ocean county case because he thinks that I have been telling him a story about the charges and discovery, I know that the Judge is not going to grant it. I told him that I would file this motion on his behalf. I didn't want to include your email when I sent him proof of filing.

**From:** Marquez, Nellie

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:25 PM

**To:** Yanni, Samantha A <[Samantha.Yanni@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Samantha.Yanni@opd.nj.gov)>

Cc: ; Michael Taylor <[Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov](mailto:Michael.Taylor@njcourts.gov)>

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Sam

Please file the attached Notice of Motion, Order and Ocean county letter and Order in e-courts.

Thanks,  
Nellie

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**To:** Lynn Heyer; Nellie Marquez (Nellie.Marquez@opd.nj.gov); Michael Taylor  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Lynn,

Last we spoke, you advised this matter was set for a plea date. I'm very confused to hear that now all of a sudden you have zero discovery. I can get it together and send to you by tomorrow. Thanks.



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**To:** Lynn Heyer  
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**From:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:35 PM  
**To:** Ketelaar, Chantannette  
**Subject:** RE: voicemail

Hey that was me calling from my co-workers line in case you see the missed call...

Any chance you can look up when Jason Samaritano was released from OCJ please? My system is not showing anything since the matter was transferred to Atlantic County.

Thank you!!



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**From:** Ketelaar, Chantannette <[CKetelaar@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:CKetelaar@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: voicemail

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Sgt. Chantannette Ketelaar  
Classification Supervisor  
Ocean County Department of Corrections  
E: [cketelaar@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:cketelaar@co.ocean.nj.us)  


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**From:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** Ketelaar, Chantannette  
**Subject:** RE: voicemail

Yeah I'm in. Whats your extension? Just finishing up a call and will call from my coworkers line...



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**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:51 AM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: voicemail

Are you in the office today if so can you give me a call?

Sgt. Chantannette Ketelaar  
Classification Supervisor  
Ocean County Department of Corrections  
E: [cketelaar@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:cketelaar@co.ocean.nj.us)  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ketelaar, Chantannette  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Subject:** Re: voicemail

No problem at all. I just had a questions it was no rush.

Sgt. Chantannette Ketelaar  
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Ocean County Department of Corrections  
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**From:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:45 AM  
**To:** Ketelaar, Chantannette  
**Subject:** voicemail

Morning!!

I haven't been in my office to check my messages in some time, but I just got your voicemail. I'm SO sorry! You can always reach me on my cell if you need [REDACTED]. Hope all is well!



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**From:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** Karabulut, Aram  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano  
**Attachments:** 17003513 Photo (2132494).pdf; Photos (2132471).pdf; 66773-17 Checks and Contracts (1622439).pdf

Aram,

Attached you'll find the contract and several photos you were looking for.

No rush on the list. FYI, the Chief Justice just issued another order for excludable time until June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,  
Taylor

**From:** Karabulut, Aram <Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 8:56 AM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Good morning Taylor,

I have been extremely busy. I will send that list over of needed discovery items as soon as I can. Sorry for the delay.

Take care,

**Aram D. Karabulut, Esq.**  
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**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 2:21 PM

**To:** Karabulut, Aram <[Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Ok sounds good. I'll wait for that list and send over what I have.

They are not willing to consolidate. I previously asked them after our last hearing. They are concerned with Mr. Samaritano not taking a plea, leaving their elderly victim to travel to Ocean County for trial.

At his next hearing, I will ask Diller to take the necessary steps in order for him to fill out a 5a for that case.

Taylor

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**From:** Karabulut, Aram <[Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 2:14 PM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Taylor,

I will send you an itemized letter of what I do and do not have later today. There is still outstanding discovery on the three matters that I represent Mr. Samaritano on. And as far as I am concerned, I don't know if I even technically represent him on the complaint out of Brick unless he's been approved for PD representation on that matter. Looks like there is will be additional discovery needed from the Brick complaint too – contract(s), checks, photographs, etc.. You could see if Monmouth and Atlantic want to resolve and run a 364 concurrent. If they are willing to consolidate, that's even better. At this juncture, Mr. Samaritano should wait for a drug court determination on the application that was filed over 2 months ago.

Regards,

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**To:** Karabulut, Aram <[Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Hi Aram,

I previously provided those bank records to you and they were sent again a few weeks ago. Please advise what you are actually missing. We previously spoke about the defendant not having a bank account and placing all funds into his wife's account—which is why we were thinking of charging her as well, and possibly may if this goes to indictment.

Want me to reach out to Monmouth and Atlantic to see if they would run their sentences concurrent should he get a 364?

Hope all is well with you too.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Taylor,

He has been advised of the terms of the plea agreement here. Monmouth and Atlantic can make no similar guarantees in light of our potential agreement. He has a scheduled court date in Atlantic for 6/8 according to his PD there. I obviously still need the additional discovery from Ocean including any bank records before any resolution but at this point my client wants to see what happens with drug court. If he's rejected we should continue our discussion. Hope all is well. Take care.

Regards,

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Aram,

Attached please find an updated report on the previously remanded case for Jason Samaritano. Additionally, the officer who responded to the home depot theft dropped off the disc yesterday. I am not permitted in our main building since I work at 1 Mott so I have a detective going to pick up the mail today and will drop it off to me this afternoon. Once I review I will send it over to you.

I will be contacting the victims to confirm restitution amounts and will have a finite number hopefully by tomorrow. Have you had a chance to speak with Mr. Samaritano regarding the plea?

Thanks,  
Taylor

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**From:** Karabulut, Aram <[Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:17 PM

**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>

**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Thank you Taylor.

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**To:** Karabulut, Aram <[Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Hi Aram,

Hope you and your family are well! With regards to your offers—I think I stated this in my last email, but can't remember...I would take the 3 years NJSP with the agreement to pay back full restitution, but cannot consent, and would leave it to the courts discretion upon plea if you were to make that argument.

I spoke with my supervisor about the 364 OCJ upon full restitution at sentencing...we can make that work, so long as in the plea it would state that if he doesn't have full restitution at sentencing he would be sentenced to 3 years NJSP. The only thing holding us up, which I've mentioned before, are these consumer affairs complaints. I am waiting to hear back from their attorney about them as I would like to include them in our global, but not sure how they would affect those victims and their administrative fees they usually carry.

I am also waiting on a finalized updated report from my detective for the recalled Brick case so that we can come up with an exact dollar amount for restitution on that case.

I've also been in contact with the TRPD officer who took the home depot report. Last I spoke with him, he was going to pick up that store footage and upload it to evidence.com. As of today, nothing has been uploaded so I'll send a follow up email.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Good morning Taylor,

Thank you for providing the discovery requested. So from my understanding, Mr. Samaritano's drug court application poses a conflict for Ocean County. However, I believe this could still resolve by way of plea agreement. I am wondering if the State would be amenable to a plea agreement calling for a 3 flat NJSP, immediate release upon plea if Mr. Samaritano were to agree to make the full payment of restitution at the time of sentencing. Moreover, if Mr. Samaritano actually makes the full restitution payment at the time of sentencing, would the State be willing to recommend a 364 in OCJ instead of 3 flat? I hope that clarifies, it was indeed confusing the way I first wrote it. Thank you.

Regards,

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Hi Aram,

The bank records and the contract were provided at the detention hearing, but maybe didn't make it to your file. One of my investigators just pushed it to the portal for your access and I've attached the documents.

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Ok sounds good. I'll wait for that list and send over what I have.

They are not willing to consolidate. I previously asked them after our last hearing. They are concerned with Mr. Samaritano not taking a plea, leaving their elderly victim to travel to Ocean County for trial.

At his next hearing, I will ask Diller to take the necessary steps in order for him to fill out a 5a for that case.

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I will send you an itemized letter of what I do and do not have later today. There is still outstanding discovery on the three matters that I represent Mr. Samaritano on. And as far as I am concerned, I don't know if I even technically represent him on the complaint out of Brick unless he's been approved for PD representation on that matter. Looks like there is will be additional discovery needed from the Brick complaint too – contract(s), checks, photographs, etc.. You could see if Monmouth and Atlantic want to resolve and run a 364 concurrent. If they are willing to consolidate, that's even better. At this juncture, Mr. Samaritano should wait for a drug court determination on the application that was filed over 2 months ago.

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Want me to reach out to Monmouth and Atlantic to see if they would run their sentences concurrent should he get a 364?

Hope all is well with you too.

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Thanks,

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Yes, everything has been signed

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**Cc:** Carole.Haines@njcourts.gov; Kelly, Timothy; Vita S. Mennie; Michael Vito  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon,

PG case #17003513 should also be included on Mr. Samaritano's drug court application, if it was not already included. This case was originally remanded, but later recalled and was included in our initial global plea.

Thank you! Hope everyone is well!  
Taylor

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**To:** Christopher Diller  
**Cc:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Subject:** Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon,

Let this email serve as a reminder that the State and Defense Counsel conferenced Mr. Samaritano's matters with Judge Collins today. Judge Collins has advised that he will reach out to Judge Ford and/or Judge Nemeth to determine the status of Mr. Samaritano's Drug Court application and if there is a potential conflict with Ocean County. In addition to the status of Mr. Samaritano's pending Drug Court application, potential consolidation of Mr. Samaritano's Atlantic and Monmouth County cases to Ocean County were also discussed. AP Toscano will be reaching out to the Monmouth and Atlantic County Prosecutors to determine if they would consent to consolidation to Ocean in the effort of reaching a potential plea agreement for 3 flat NJSP with all agreements and sentences running concurrent amongst one another. Thank you.

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**To:** Aram Karabulut  
**Subject:** RE: State v. Jason Samaritano

Hi Aram,

I'm not sure how that would cure any hesitancy I have....I also think it gives the appearance that a plea is involuntary. We can talk about it more during the conference at noon today.

Taylor

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Tim



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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano (Itemized Agenda for Conference)

Ok thanks

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**To:** Christopher Diller <christopher.diller@njcourts.gov>  
**Cc:** TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us  
**Subject:** Jason Samaritano (Itemized Agenda for Conference)

Good afternoon Chris,

It is my understanding that Judge Collins wants an itemized agenda for the conference that I have requested on Monday. Please see the following items I would like to have the opportunity to conference and discuss with Judge Collins and AP Toscano:

1. Potential Conflict for Ocean County. I have been advised of a potential conflict that may result in an ordered change of venue.
2. Status of this case in regards to plea negotiations, potential resolution, and Mr. Samaritano's pending drug court application.
3. Out-of-county matters and if Judge Collins and the State would be amenable to potential consolidation.

Thank you,

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Judge wants an agenda of the items.

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**Cc:** TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us  
**Subject:** Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon Chris,

My understanding is that Judge may want to know why I am requesting to conference this matter. I want to make the court aware of the status of this case before going on the record. I also want to discuss some other information that has come to light in regards to this case. Thank you.

Regards,

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**Cc:** Heather Hynes; Carol R. Wentworth; Toscano, Taylor  
**Subject:** RE: Jason C. Samaritano (P/G# 19000665; 20000444; 20000445)

Aram,

There are additional charges that are being recalled from municipal court that were not included in the drug court application. I am waiting on those charges to be returned to us prior to making a determination.

Best,

Tim

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**Subject:** Jason C. Samaritano (P/G# 19000665; 20000444; 20000445)

Good afternoon all,

I am wondering if there has been any determination on the Drug Court application submitted on behalf of Mr. Jason Samaritano on March 20, 2020? Mr. Samaritano has been incarcerated in the OCJ since his arrest on February 4, 2020. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

Good afternoon Taylor,

I don't know if my client is going to be willing to plead to a 3 Flat, full restitution, and release pending plea. I think the carrot at the end of the stick was him coming up with \$10,000 at the time of sentence and receiving a 364 in the OCJ. Otherwise, he may not just want to wait for the drug court determination. Let me know what the State's offer will be when you have cleared everything with your supervisor. Take care and stay safe.

Regards,

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

Good morning Aram,

I am still waiting on approval of the 3 years NJSP, full restitution, with Mr. Samaritano to be released after the plea. However, the 364 OCJ, a lump sum of restitution, was denied. Hopefully I have that answer soon.

Taylor

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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

Good morning Taylor,

I am well aware that my client has two other cases pending in both Atlantic and Monmouth County. I'm also aware that the initial offer in Monmouth was for a 364 and that the initial offer in Atlantic was for probation to run concurrent. I have been in communication with Mr. Samaritano's defense attorneys in both of those jurisdictions. I'm also well aware

of what constitutes a legal sentence. As for a global offer, that's fine and I think it would benefit my client but the bulk of his cases are in Ocean County. My client wishes to handle each of his cases county by county. This process would have been simpler if everyone could have agreed to a 364 as a condition of probation instead of receiving a 3 flat NJSP offer here, while Monmouth offered a 364, and Atlantic offered probation. That's neither here nor there though.

My client now obviously wishes to resolve his Ocean matters first and as soon as possible. Unless, we intend on consolidating those out of county cases, Ocean's matters should take precedent. My client is also well aware of the legal pitfalls of not consolidating and handling each case county by county as I have thoroughly explained that to him but that is his choice. This is somewhat time sensitive, because as more time goes by and Mr. Samaritano continues to be detained pre-trial, I can't guarantee that he will take any deal. Obviously, my client's primary goal is his immediate release from the OCJ due to his global pandemic and due to the fact he wishes to receive medical care for his knee. He wants to come to an agreement and you have the power to make that happen. He also wanted me to thank you for your consideration. Let me know. Take care!

Regards,

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I understand that, Aram. He has pending cases in multiple counties that all offices are working together on to create a global offer. For example, he cannot be sentenced to probation in Atlantic if he is taking state prison in Ocean. Everyone is working hard to come to a fair resolution for Mr. Samaritano. Since he is detained until at least late May (pre-indictment) given the newest announcement from Chief Justice Rabner, I would appreciate some patience.

Thank you,  
Taylor

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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

Hey Taylor,

One question. Why are we waiting on Atlantic County? I am trying to get this done ASAP. Take care.

Regards,

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Hi Aram,

I'm waiting for a response from Atlantic County and my supervisor, but the wheels are in motion.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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Good afternoon Taylor,

I am wondering if there is any update about the potential plea agreement we discussed?

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**Cc:** Taylor Toscano <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>; Carol R. Wentworth <[Carol.Wentworth@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Carol.Wentworth@opd.nj.gov)>

**Subject:** Jason Samaritano DC Application

Good afternoon Tim and Heather,

I am wondering if we know anything about the status of Mr. Jason C. Samaritano's drug court application? His TASC evaluation was previously completed and he applied to Drug Court on 3/20/2020 – in regards to P/G#s 20000445, 2000444, 19000665. He also had two out-of-county matters (Monmouth and Atlantic) listed on his application. Thank you for your assistance.

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**To:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Taylor,

I'm not saying you have not been transparent. I know that you need approval for what we have discussed and I appreciate your consideration. As for mitigating reasons supporting a downward departure, those were previously stated. Mr. Samaritano is a non-violent person, has substantial ties to the Ocean County community, has a supportive family, elderly parents, a wife and children that he supports, and a medical issue that he would like to have addressed from outside the confines of jail. I understand your position and I will convey the offer to my client but I think it seems to make the most sense to wait for drug court's determination. Take care.

Regards,

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Aram,

I have been completely transparent. Throughout discussions we talked about possible alternatives to my offer of 3 years NJSP, despite not being given any mitigating reasons for a downward departure. At each step I advised that I would need approval. The 364 was flat out rejected by my unit. The 3 years NJSP—with our consent to release him upon a plea, was also recently discussed with my unit and denied after consideration of our prior conversations.

I'm aware of Mr. Samaritano's past. And that past also includes alarming behavior of calling detectives and leaving angry messages, asking victims to sign forged letters to get him out of financial trouble, and willful non-compliance with any pretrial order. Mr. Samaritano can plead to the 3 years NJSP and you are welcome to make a motion before the judge to get him released, however, I am not willing to flat out consent to his release.

As for your reasons he should be released, that was all considered at our last hearing and the motion was denied.

Taylor

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**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon Taylor,

My email correspondence with you dated April 2, 2020, stated that I did not know if Mr. Samaritano would be amenable to taking a 3 flat NJSP, full restitution, and his release pending plea. I thought the carrot at the end of the stick would be if Mr. Samaritano provided a lump sum of restitution at the time of sentencing then the plea agreement could call for an alternate 364 in OCJ as a condition of probation.

You indicated to me that the above discussed alternative condition of the plea agreement calling for county time if he made restitution was denied and also advised me that you were waiting for approval to make an offer for a 3 flat NJSP, full restitution, and the defendant's release pending sentence. I explained Mr. Samaritano may instead want to wait for a determination on his drug court application.

I subsequently spoke to my client, since our last email correspondence, and he indicated to me that he would be amenable to taking the 3 flat NJSP, full restitution, and his release pending sentence. At this time, we are still waiting for an update on his drug court application status and AP Tim Kelly has advised me that he will let me know soon. Now, today, I am being informed that the State will not agree to my client's release pending sentence if he pleads guilty to a 3 flat NJSP after making representations that it would consent to his release upon plea and that you had been waiting for approval to make that offer.

I am having trouble understanding the logic that the State is using to justify its position. As you're aware, criminal defendants often plead guilty to be released from jail and are then sentenced at a later date. For instance, I have personally had clients charged with more serious crimes, crimes carrying a mandatory stipulation of parole ineligibility, that were released from the OCJ upon plea and then subsequently sentenced to NJSP at a later date.

I also think that any fears of a potential motion to withdraw guilty plea occurring at a later date are premature and also unfounded. A motion to withdraw guilty plea prior to sentencing will not be granted based solely on a change of heart by the defendant. As you're also aware, a motion to withdraw guilty plea prior to sentencing has to be considered under the "interests of justice standard" and the four prongs set forth in State v. Slater, 198 N.J. 145 (2009). The defendant has to be able to assert a colorable claim of innocence.

There have been many representations made at this point and none that have been followed through with or finalized. I do understand the State's position regarding the serious nature of financial crimes. However, I again would remind the State that Mr. Samaritano is a non-violent individual and that fact should also be taken into consideration. Mr. Samaritano has remained incarcerated for over 2 months now and was willing to take the potential agreement for the 3 flat NJSP, full restitution, and his release upon plea that we previously discussed and that you were waiting for approval for so that he could be home with his elderly parents, his sons, and his wife during this pandemic before ultimately going to state prison. Mr. Samaritano has also been in knee pain with a possible torn ligament as corroborated by OCJ medical records. I will convey this offer to my client but it sounds like we are going to have to wait for the drug court determination and then go from there.

Regards,

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Hi Aram,

It was my understanding Mr. Samaritano was more interested in the drug court route per our last conversation. After discussing the below plea with my unit, I have concerns Mr. Samaritano is only pleading guilty to get out of OCJ, especially given the fact he is only interested in resolving his Ocean County cases at this time. I fear this would open up the argument for a motion to withdraw his guilty plea at sentencing, which I assume would be months down the road—perhaps in the Fall. We would be right back where we started. At this time, my offer of 3 years NJSP--full restitution on all cases stands, however, we would not be consenting to his release at that time.

Taylor

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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon Taylor,

I am wondering if there has been any update in regards to plea offer discussed below? I have had some conversations with my client and he may be amenable to pleading to the 3 flat NJSP, full restitution, and release pending sentence. Take care.

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**To:** Aram Karabulut <[Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

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Taylor

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**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:50 AM

**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>

**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

Good morning Taylor,

I am well aware that my client has two other cases pending in both Atlantic and Monmouth County. I'm also aware that the initial offer in Monmouth was for a 364 and that the initial offer in Atlantic was for probation to run concurrent. I have been in communication with Mr. Samaritano's defense attorneys in both of those jurisdictions. I'm also well aware of what constitutes a legal sentence. As for a global offer, that's fine and I think it would benefit my client but the bulk of his cases are in Ocean County. My client wishes to handle each of his cases county by county. This process would have been simpler if everyone could have agreed to a 364 as a condition of probation instead of receiving a 3 flat NJSP offer here, while Monmouth offered a 364, and Atlantic offered probation. That's neither here nor there though.

My client now obviously wishes to resolve his Ocean matters first and as soon as possible. Unless, we intend on consolidating those out of county cases, Ocean's matters should take precedent. My client is also well aware of the legal pitfalls of not consolidating and handling each case county by county as I have thoroughly explained that to him but that is his choice. This is somewhat time sensitive, because as more time goes by and Mr. Samaritano continues to be detained pre-trial, I can't guarantee that he will take any deal. Obviously, my client's primary goal is his immediate release from the OCJ due to his global pandemic and due to the fact he wishes to receive medical care for his knee. He wants to come to an agreement and you have the power to make that happen. He also wanted me to thank you for your consideration. Let me know. Take care!

Regards,

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**To:** Aram Karabulut <[Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

I understand that, Aram. He has pending cases in multiple counties that all offices are working together on to create a global offer. For example, he cannot be sentenced to probation in Atlantic if he is taking state prison in Ocean. Everyone is working hard to come to a fair resolution for Mr. Samaritano. Since he is detained until at least late May (pre-indictment) given the newest announcement from Chief Justice Rabner, I would appreciate some patience.

Thank you,  
Taylor

**From:** Aram Karabulut <[Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 5:20 PM

**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>

**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

Hey Taylor,

One question. Why are we waiting on Atlantic County? I am trying to get this done ASAP. Take care.

Regards,

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Hi Aram,

I'm waiting for a response from Atlantic County and my supervisor, but the wheels are in motion.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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Good afternoon Taylor,

I am wondering if there is any update about the potential plea agreement we discussed?

Thanks,

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**From:** Aram Karabulut

**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 1:02 PM

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**Cc:** Taylor Toscano <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>; Carol R. Wentworth <[Carol.Wentworth@opd.nj.gov](mailto:Carol.Wentworth@opd.nj.gov)>

**Subject:** Jason Samaritano DC Application

Good afternoon Tim and Heather,

I am wondering if we know anything about the status of Mr. Jason C. Samaritano's drug court application? His TASC evaluation was previously completed and he applied to Drug Court on 3/20/2020 – in regards to P/G#s 20000445, 2000444, 19000665. He also had two out-of-county matters (Monmouth and Atlantic) listed on his application. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:14 PM  
**To:** Aram Karabulut  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

Ok, will do. Please be aware that my offer will escalate post indictment.

I will keep you updated. Stay safe.

Taylor

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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano DC Application

Good afternoon Taylor,

I don't know if my client is going to be willing to plead to a 3 Flat, full restitution, and release pending plea. I think the carrot at the end of the stick was him coming up with \$10,000 at the time of sentence and receiving a 364 in the OCJ. Otherwise, he may not just want to wait for the drug court determination. Let me know what the State's offer will be when you have cleared everything with your supervisor. Take care and stay safe.

Regards,

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**From:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:47 AM  
**To:** Aram Karabulut  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Sure. I am working from home next week so give me a buzz when you are free. Not sure if you saw the memo from Justice Rabner, but the state was awarded excludable time from I believe march 12th to march 29 (or 30th - i can't remember the exact dates) so it is looking like Mr. Samaritanos potential release date was pushed back and could be pushed back further if this crisis continues. I'd be happy to discuss alternatives.

[REDACTED] is my cell

Have a good weekend!

Taylor

Sent from my Verizon. Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Aram Karabulut <Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov>  
**Date:** 3/20/20 6:31 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Toscano, Taylor" <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Subject:** Jason Samaritano

Good evening Taylor,

I wanted to inform you that I formally filed a drug court application on Mr. Samaritano's behalf today on e-courts in regards to OCN P/G# 19000665 (indicted); OCN P/G# 20000444 (pre-indictment); OCN P/G# 20000445 (pre-indictment). I also wanted to see if you want to discuss some potential alternatives next week to determine if maybe we can come to a resolution that is amenable to both the State and the Defendant if Mr. Samaritano is determined to be legally ineligible for drug court. Let me know. Thank you and stay safe.

Regards,

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**To:** Lindsay Ashwal; Matthew Samel; 'kapinlaw@verizon.net'; Lauren Musarra; Toscano, Taylor; Lynn Heyer  
**Cc:** Michelle Wells; Melissa Garrett; Margaret Koping  
**Subject:** RE: [External]Jason Samaritano

Good evening everyone,

I wanted to make everyone aware that an application to Ocean County Drug Court was filed on Mr. Samaritano's behalf today. This is in regards to OCN P/G # 19000665-001 (indicted); OCN P/G # 20000445-001 (pre-indictment); OCN P/G # 20000444-001 (pre-indictment).

Respectfully,

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Thanks,

Lindsay Ashwal  
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Best,

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Good afternoon,

I have reached out to my colleagues and various members of the Atlantic Drug Court team to explain where things stand with this defendant, and seek their advice and guidance on how we can best facilitate things on our end. I will provide updates when I receive their responses.

Normally, we do not have defendants submit an application here unless they are residents of our county, or confirmed cases that will be supervised here. We instead submit a consolidation order to the county of residence and/or county of supervision once an application has been submitted in that court. We also do not, to my knowledge, plead defendants prior to sending their cases to said county for Drug Court purposes.

I understand Atlantic might need to be the county to take everything given the various conflicts and policies in Ocean and Monmouth. I'm not sure if that will require an application to Ocean first, which can then determine the conflict and needs arising from that, or if we'll proceed to apply him in Atlantic. I am awaiting input from those who know better regarding the logistics.

Stay well!

**Lauren E. Musarra**  
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**To:** Brandon Dejesus; 'Aram Karabulut'  
**Subject:** Re: Jason Samaritano Case No: 20-000445

I'll be there. Thank you.

Taylor

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Best,

**Brandon DeJesus**

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**To:** Brandon Dejesus  
**Cc:** Toscano, Taylor; Heisler, Christopher  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano Case No: 20-000445

Brandon,

It does not pose a problem for me. I will see you there.

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**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** Toscano, Taylor  
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Great job thanks

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Good morning,

Attached please find my response letter brief to the below motion. Please confirm we are still scheduled to appear for this motion on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

Thank you,

Taylor

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**Cc:** Erin Curtiss <erin.curtiss@njcourts.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon Taylor,

Please find a copy of the notice of motion, proposed form of order, and my certification in support of my motion. I cc'd Erin and Chris on this email as well. Are we still on for next Wednesday, March 18, 2020?

Regards,

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Good afternoon Taylor,

The motion is done. I have to upload. I have a conference with Judge Collins at 12:00 pm and should be able to upload it afterwards. Sorry for the delay!

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Jason Samaritano

Hi Aram,

Just checking on the status of the motion. Thanks!

Taylor

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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Is it the case from Brick Township? I have not filed the motion yet. I will submit it and send to you by latest tomorrow.

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Hi Aram,

I thought it was on the transfer list, but I just spoke with someone in our records unit to confirm and she advised it had to be formally recalled. She just put that request in the system. Regardless, that case would be included in my global offer of 3 years NJSP, concurrent to any Monmouth/Atlantic sentence, restitution on all cases.

Did you happen to file that motion to reopen yet?

Taylor

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**To:** Toscano, Taylor <[TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us)>

**Subject:** Jason Samaritano

Hey Taylor,

As you're aware, I represent Mr. Samaritano on three cases arising out of Toms River. You mentioned that a case from Brick Township is being recalled? That would be four cases. I am wondering what that case # is and are we sure it is being recalled?

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Ok I am available that day too. Thanks!

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We did. I meant Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

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**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Hi Aram,

Sorry, I took a half day on Friday so I am just seeing this. My offer is plead to 1 count theft by deception (3<sup>rd</sup> degree)—3 years NJSP restitution on all cases. We can talk more about it in court. Thanks!

Taylor

**From:** Aram Karabulut <Aram.Karabulut@opd.nj.gov>  
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**To:** Toscano, Taylor <TToscano@co.ocean.nj.us>  
**Subject:** Jason Samaritano

Good afternoon Taylor,

We have Mr. Jason Samaritano on Judge Collins' EDC calendar for Monday. I am wondering if the State has an offer encompassing his three cases? Thank you.

Regards,

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**To:** Theresa Tamburro; Rita Ferrantelli; Toscano, Taylor  
**Subject:** RE: Jason Samaritano

Thanks! I found a copy so I can submit that

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**Subject:** Jason Samaritano

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Thanks,  
Frank

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**To:** Theresa Gilboy  
**Subject:** FW: Samaritano  
**Attachments:** TRPD Report 19-65456.pdf

Hi Terri,

I am sending over one of the police reports for Mr. Samaritano prior to the hearing for the Judge to review, if he chooses, since it is quite long. I've already provided to defense counsel. Thanks!

Taylor

**From:** Toscano, Taylor  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Melanie.Drozjock@opd.nj.gov; 'Frank S. McCarthy' <Frank.McCarthy@opd.nj.gov>  
**Subject:** Samaritano

Hi Melanie and Frank,

I am handling the Samaritano matter for Monday. I am sending discovery for the contractor case as it is quite lengthy. Thanks!



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**To:** Theresa Gilboy  
**Subject:** FW: Detention Hearing Updates  
**Attachments:** 2-3 WEEK.docx; 2-10 WEEK.docx

Hi Terri!!

I am covering the Samaritano hearing on Monday. I have two cases before Judge Gizinski as well that morning, but will check in with you first. Thanks!

Taylor