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January 18, 2018

Anonymous
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Re: Open Public Records Act Request

Dear Anonymous:

The West Deptford Township Clerk's Office received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on January 17, 2017. The official Records Custodian, Amy Leso, RMC, received your OPRA request on January 17, 2017. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is January 26, 2017. This response is being provided on the 1st business day following receipt of your request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

"This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I certify under penalty of NJSA 2C:28-3 that I have not been convicted of an indictable offense. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested: Copies of all e-mails both sent and received by the following police department officials using their Township e-mail addresses:

*Samuel DiSimone
Grant Worrell
Sean McKenna
John Chambers
Michael Cramer*

Please include all e-mails sent and received (that are able to be disclosed pursuant to NJSA 47:1A) from March 1, 2017 to January 15, 2018."

A search of our available records has identified over 26,000 records which are within the scope of your request. Each of these records would need to be reviewed for a determination as to whether it can be released, released with redactions, or withheld. Given the volume of responsive

records identified, such a review would substantially disrupt agency operations. Accordingly, we ask that you narrow your request as to the date range or persons, or provide a subject matter which can be added to narrow the request.

Please be advised that OPRA provides that if a request for access to a government record would substantially disrupt agency operations, the custodian may deny access to the record after attempting to reach a reasonable solution with the requestor that accommodates the interests of the requestor and the agency. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5g.

Kindly respond in writing to our request that you narrow your request. We will not begin to further process this request until we receive your response to our request.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by West Deptford Township to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Leso", with a circular flourish at the end.

Amy Leso, RMC
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