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BY EMAIL ONLY

Edith Merkel, RMC
Township Clerk
Township of Clark
430 Westfield Avenue
Room 28
Clark, New Jersey, 07066

Re: August 31, 2021 Clarification of
August 20, 2021 OPRA Request from "JF"

Dear Ms. Merkel:

This shall reply to JF's August 31, 2021 email supplement to JF's August 20, 2021 OPRA request in which clarification of certain ambiguous requests was provided in response to the Township's initial reply. In light of such clarifications, the Township replies to such August 31, 2021 email supplement as follows:

1. The first request in such supplement is whether "Antonio manata is currently a full time employee of the Township of Clark's Police Department."

Antonio Manata is on paid administrative leave.

2. The second request seeks the following information:

- a) Date of complaint(s);
- b) Type of complaint(s) (Ie: Excessive force, Demeanor, etc) and;
- c) the investigations' adjudication (Ie: Exonerated, Sustained, etc)

Without conceding whether JF is correct, and without waiving any applicable exemptions or other bases to maintain the confidentiality of such information, the Township is not in possession of the sought information.

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 the Township of Clark 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 <https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.state.nj.us%2Fgrc&data=04%7C01%7Cmpd%40tbwdlaw.com%7C1f03b64cfe504a8abdeb08d969857a9f%7C5f51087d3109471d86b1eddc5fcf066a%7C0%7C0%7C637656844432475041%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&data=4RVjHViJikvJOH%2F%2FIcpc4cP1V6Es1RgahK18CAOPq6g%3D&reserved=0>. 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.

You may furnish this letter to JF as the Township's reply to JF's August 31, 2021 email supplement to JF's August 20, 2021 OPRA request. Should you need to discuss any of the foregoing, kindly advise.

Sincerely,



Mark P. Dugan