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June 11, 2018

Time To Change – Jersey Style

Good day,

The Ocean County Sheriff's Office received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on or about June 6, 2018. The official Records Custodian, Lt. Joseph Greene, received your OPRA request on June 7, 2018. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is June 15, 2018. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 5th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

The following records were requested:

"1) Any and all information and/or records generated since 6/1/2016 in reference to "First Amendment Audits", "Police Accountability", "Copwatching", "Copblocking", "Citizens Video Recording" and/or any other activities addressing persons who video-record and/or photograph local, municipal, county, state, federal, and/or military personnel and/or property for the purpose of accountability, education, and/or public awareness of law enforcement/government conduct, including but not limited to documents, emails, memos, bulletins, notices, letters, directives, "bolos", videos, slideshows, presentations, etc."

"2) And all records and/or documents generated since 6/1/2016 referring to "Matt Tim", "POLICE STATE: NEW JERSEY", "PSNJ", "Gunnison Undercover", "Time to Change, Jersey Style", "NJ Wandering News", "Ironbound Media", and/or "ASK NJ Media Co." in reference to the above described activities."

The request is denied.

This Request as written would require extensive research and analysis to be performed by administrative employees, which is beyond the scope of OPRA and would disrupt the operations of the Ocean County Sheriff's Department. As recognized by the Court, an OPRA request is not intended as a research tool, but rather as an avenue for citizens to obtain specific government records. *MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control*, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 550 (2005). OPRA simply operates to make identifiable government records readily accessible for copying, inspection, or examination. Also, the Appellate Division, *Elizabeth Mason v. City of Hoboken*, Docket No. A-0508-06T5, held that "OPRA is not intended to be used as a fishing expedition or as a research tool to compile unknown documents."

Please respond in writing and identify the specific government records sought or narrow the scope of the request so that we may process your request. Failure to provide written clarification of your request will result in the closure of this OPRA request.



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This response is being communicated with you via e-mail per your 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 the Ocean County Sheriff's Office 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'J. H. Greene Jr.', written over the printed name.

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