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To whom it may concern:

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office is in receipt of your request under the state's Open Public Records Act and the common law right of access regarding "Fleet Vehicles... *Request is for the most recent list of all Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office's fleet vehicles (if known, for example Police Interceptor), year(s) of manufacture, year(s) of purchase, purchase invoice for each fleet vehicle.*

In response to your request for a list of fleet vehicles with year of manufacture and purchase; attached to this email please find an Equipment Inventory Report for our fleet vehicles. Please note that certain vehicles are used for undercover and other law enforcement purposes such as surveillance, these vehicles have been redacted. In addition, pursuant to R. 1:38-7 the confidential personal identifiers such as vehicle plate and VIN numbers have also been redacted.

Regarding the portion of your request for the purchase invoice for each fleet vehicle; please note that the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office does not maintain the records you requested.

In an effort to provide you with the documents which you seek to obtain, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office can request the records from the appropriate department. This would respectfully require additional time to retrieve, review and redact the records pertaining to 110 purchase orders.

In an effort to accommodate your OPRA request please note that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(c), if the production of the documents "involves an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort to accommodate the request, the public agency may charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplicating the record, a special service charge that shall be reasonable and shall be based upon the actual direct cost of providing the copy or copies."

Based upon your request and that statute, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office would have to assess a special service charge due to the expenditure of time and effort in order to comply with your request. Once the documents are retrieved from the appropriate department, an attorney would have to review the documents to determine which information is confidential, which portion would have to be redacted, and under which exemption; this would be at an attorney's hourly rate of pay.

Please let us know if you would like us to move forward with this portion of your request which would require additional time and a service charge.

You have a right to appeal this decision. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the General Records Counsel 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, N.J. 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at its website 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.

Regards,



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