



OFFICE OF THE HUDSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

Mr. Joseph Iacovone: opra+request-8847-ee8e3f22@requests.opramachine.com

RE: OPRA Request Regarding Gun Crime Statistics

Dear Mr. Iacovone:

I am in receipt of your request under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, **N.J.S.A. 47: 1A-1, et. seq.**, wherein you seek several statistics regarding gun crimes for the years of 2017, 2018, and for 2019 up to 6/1/2019.

Please be advised that the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office does not possess information in the manner you seek. While of course we have a record of our indictments, we would be required to cull through every case to see if it met the parameters of your request. Compiling that information amounts to conducting research, which is not contemplated under OPRA. **Reda v. Tp. of West Milford, GRC Complaint No. 2002-58 (January 17, 2003); Mag Entertainment, LLC, v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J.Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005).** Thus, this Office has no records responsive to your specific request.

While it is possible that some of the information sought may be gleaned from the Judiciary's database, Promis/Gavel, this Office is unable to provide information from this source: firstly, this database belongs to the courts, and secondly, many aspects of that database are considered confidential.

The Hudson County Prosecutor's Office reserves the right to raise any other ground for denial not raised in this response. The failure of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office to assert an exception or privilege does not act as a waiver of any ground for denial. You have a right to appeal a decision that a document or documents are not public records. You may take your appeal to the New Jersey Government Records Council or to the New Jersey Superior Court as provided by **N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6 and -7.**

Very truly yours,

ESTHER SUAREZ
Prosecutor of Hudson County

By: 
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cc: **John Libretti, Esq., Civil Litigation Unit Chief**
Office of the Hudson County Counsel