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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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Re: December 3, 2020 OPRA Request for contracts and invoices/records of payment from January 1, 2015 to December 1, 2020 for the listed media entities

Dear Hudson Media Project:

The Hudson County Prosecutor's Office (HCPO) is in receipt of your December 3, 2020 request under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47: 1A-1, et. seq. and the Common Law Right of Access. (Copy is attached for your easy reference.)

As you are aware, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i) has been amended to reflect, during the COVID-19 emergency, that the seven (7) day deadline within which to respond to OPRA requests no longer applies. The government entity is only required to make a "reasonable effort, as the circumstances permit" to respond within seven (7) days or as soon as possible thereafter.

The HCPO currently pays for access to the media sites NJ.Com and North Jersey.Com. There are no written agreements. The HCPO pays NJ.Com \$400 per year for access to its site for four HCPO employees. The HCPO pays North Jersey.Com the sum of \$396.55 per year for access to its site for four HCPO employees.

To the best of my information, knowledge and belief, these comprise all such documents possessed by the HCPO for the time frame of January 1, 2015 to the present.

In addition, you requested the same records under the common law. Since the HCPO has provided all its records in response to your request, any discussion under the common law right to access is moot.

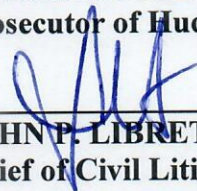
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As with any OPRA request, you have the right to challenge the HCPO's determination. At your option, you may either file a complaint in writing with the Government Records Council (GRC) located in the Department of Community Affairs, or institute a proceeding in the Superior Court.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER SUAREZ
Prosecutor of Hudson County

By:



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Enclosures
c: Office of the Hudson County Counsel

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From: Hudson Media Project <opra+request-18831-23d8f6a5@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 5:18 PM
To: OPRA
Subject: OPRA request - Hudson County Media Contracts/Invoices

Dear HCPO,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message. Records requested:

All media contracts and invoices/records of payment from Jan 1, 2015 to Dec 1, 2020 with the following entities:

1. The Jersey Journal/Evening Journal Association 2. New Jersey Advance Media/NJ.com 3. News12NJ/News 12 Networks/Altice USA 4. Hudson Reporter/Newspaper Media Group 5. Hudson Media Group/Pat O'Melia 6. Hudson TV/Hudson County TV/Julio Reynoso 7. Hudson County View/John Heinis 8. Real Talk on The Hudson/Talking Politics with Fernando Uribe/Fernando Uribe

Yours faithfully,
Hudson Media Project

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https://opramachine.com/request/hudson_county_media_contractsinv

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