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Sharon DeFino <opra+request-61060-3e43de3f@requests.opramachine.com>

Re: OPRA request dated April 24, 2024

Dear Ms. DeFino,

The Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests on April 24, 2024. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your requests is May 3, 2024. This response is being provided to you on the sixth (6) business day after receipt.

Pursuant to your request, you have requested:

Any and all emails, correspondence and communications regarding the Charles Sharp shooting incident and/or Officer Salvatore Oldrati from September 13, 2021 through present.

Please be advised that Gloucester County Prosecutor's office is in possession of one report regarding the Charles Sharp shooting. The request for this document is denied under OPRA. The requested record(s) or portions thereof pertain to a criminal investigation and are therefore exempt from disclosure pursuant to the criminal investigatory records exception of OPRA. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; *Paff v. Ocean County Prosecutor's Office*, 235 N.J. 1 (2018); *North Jersey Media Group, Inc. v. Township of Lyndhurst*, 229 N.J. 541 (2017); *Schulz v. N.J. State Police*, Complaint No. 2014-390 (GRC 2015).

In regards to any and all emails, correspondence and communications, more information is needed to conduct a search of our records. Under OPRA, government agencies are required to disclose only identifiable government records; OPRA does not countenance open-ended searches of a government agency's files. MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcohol Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005). OPRA does not require custodians of government records to undertake research for a requester. Bart v. Passaic County Public Housing Agency, 406 N.J. Super. 445 (App. Div. 2009); MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005). Accordingly, as to OPRA requests for e-mails, such requests must contain (1) the content and/or subject of the e-mail and (2) a specific date or range of dates during which the e-mails were transmitted. In

The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations against discrimination in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, and activities. In addition, County encourages participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the County's ADA Coordinator at (856) 384-6842/ New Jersey Relay Service 711.

addition, a valid e-mail request must identify the sender and/or recipient thereof. Alterman v. Borough of Haledon (Passaic), Government Records Council Complaint Number 2010-117; Elcavage v. West Milford Township (Passaic), Government Records Council Complaint Number 2009-07. Your request, has failed because it is vague, fails to identify the sender and/or recipient, and requires research without requesting a specific document. Please provide more specific information to include subject of the email, and the sender and/or recipient so a search can be conducted.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfulfilled within these seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Gloucester County Prosecutor'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 a Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at PO Box 819, Trenton, NJ 08625, by email at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at its website at www.state.nj.us/grc. The Council 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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