



City of Estell Manor

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September 6, 2023

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Re: OPRA Request 2023-130

Dear Requestor,

The City of Estell Manor received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on September 5, 2023. The official Records Custodian, Lisa Marcolongo, received your OPRA request on September 5, 2023. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is September 20, 2023. This response to your request is being provided to you on Day 1 following the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

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:

1. Total number of body cameras currently deployed in the police department.
2. Date on which body cameras were deployed to any of the police officers for the first time (year and month).
3. All invoices of body cameras purchases (if body cameras were purchased).
4. Dates of initial body camera assignment for each police officer currently employed.

The City of Estell Manor does not maintain its own police department but is instead covered by the New Jersey State Police. Pursuant to *Bent v. Stafford Police Dep't*, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 38-39 (App. Div. 2005); N.J.S.A. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (On Behalf of African American Data & Research Institute) v. Eagleswood Township (Ocean), a municipality is under no obligation to obtain and disclose records created by the New Jersey State Police resulting from law enforcement activities within the City. Therefore, the City has no records responsive to your request. You may consider contacting the New Jersey State Police to submit a records request at <https://nj.gov/njsp/information/opra-requests.shtml>.

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 City of Estell Manor 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

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Marcolongo', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lisa Marcolongo, RMC
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