



# ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP

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8/31/2023

Eric Kim  
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RE: OPRA -0522 (INVALID OPRA)

Dear Mr. Kim:

The Township of Rockaway received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on 8/31/2023. The official Records Custodian, Everett Falt, received your OPRA request on 8/31/2023. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is 9/13/2023. This response to your request is being provided to you on 8/31/2023.

You requested the following records:

1. "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."

This request seeks information or asks questions and does not identify specific government records. As such, your request is an invalid OPRA request and is denied. When a request is "complex" because it fails to specifically identify the documents sought, then that request is not "encompassed" by OPRA. See *New Jersey Builders Association v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing*, 390 N.J.Super. 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007). A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency's documents. See *Bent v. Stafford Police Department*, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). Custodians are not required to conduct research or create new records in response to an OPRA request.

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 Township of Rockaway 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 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](mailto:grc@dca.state.nj.us), or at their web site at [www.state.nj.us/grc](http://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 in your County.

Sincerely,

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