



TOWNSHIP MANAGER
JOSEPH M. ZICHELLI, ESQ.

MUNICIPAL CLERK
DALE A. FORDE

October 25, 2023

VIA E-MAIL [opra+request-50967-88382cf5@requests.opramachine.com]

T. Kim

Re: OPRA/Common Law Request dated August 30, 2023

Dear T. Kim:

The Township of Cedar Grove ("Township") records custodian received your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") and common law request ("Request") on August 31, 2023. On the same date, the Township obtained an extension of time to respond to your Request until October 25, 2023. As such, the Township is timely responding to your Request in accordance with New Jersey law.

Your Request seeks the following:

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.

Please be advised that items 1, 2, and 4 of your Request constitute invalid requests for information. Please note that OPRA operates to make identifiable government records "readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination." N.J.S.A. § 47:1A-1; *MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control*, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005). *MAG Entertainment, LLC* held, "[w]hile OPRA provides an alternative means of access to government documents not otherwise exempted from its reach, it is not intended as a research tool . . . to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information." *Id.* at 547. "Under OPRA, agencies are required to disclose only 'identifiable' government records not otherwise exempt. Wholesale requests for general information to be analyzed, collated and compiled by the responding government entity are not encompassed therein." *Id.* at 549; see also *Bent v. Stafford Police Dep't*, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005) (holding that OPRA only allows requests for records as contrasted from information, and to qualify under OPRA a request must reasonably identify a record and not generally data, information or statistics). The Appellate Division repeated these principles in holding:

[A]gencies are only obligated to disclose identifiable government records. The statute "only allows requests for records, not requests for information." A proper request "must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired." "Wholesale requests for

general information to be analyzed, collated and compiled” by the agency are outside OPRA’s scope.

Burke v. Brandes, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 174 (App. Div. 2012) (citations omitted); see also Lagerkvist v. Office of Governor of State, 443 N.J. Super. 230, 237 (App. Div. 2015) (holding that OPRA does not convert a custodian into a researcher, which would have been the effect of the request).

In light of the above, your requests seeking information regarding the total number of currently deployed body cameras and the dates of their deployments and assignments clearly constitute requests for information that are outside of the scope of OPRA. You are purportedly asking the Township to conduct research to analyze, compile, and collate information for you. Such an analysis clearly exceeds the obligations of a record custodian. Accordingly, the Township is not legally obligated to respond to your inquiries.

To the extent that you have submitted items 1, 2, and 4 of your Request under the common law right of access, your Request is also denied. In O’Boyle v. Borough of Longport, 218 N.J. 168, 196 (2014), the Supreme Court of New Jersey held that the party requesting documents under the common law right of access must explain why he seeks access to the requested documents. See also Gannett Satellite Information Network, LLC v. Twp. of Neptune, 254 N.J. 242 (2023) (holding that the person seeking access must establish an interest in the subject matter of the material).

Here, your Request lacks any explanation with respect to your purported interest in accessing the information at issue. Notwithstanding, even if you had explained your precise interest in accessing the information, your Request would still be deficient for the reasons set forth above. With respect to item 3 of your Request, the Township conducted a good-faith search and identified the enclosed five pages of records as responsive.

Your Request is now deemed answered and closed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale A. Forde", written in a cursive style.

Dale Forde
Township Clerk

Enclosures



Mobile-Vision, Inc.

**400 Commons Way Ste F
Rockaway NJ 07866
Phone: (800) 336-8475
Fax: (973) 257-3024**

Tracking Number: 1ZX5X9890169936367;

Invoice

Invoice Number: 0319658-IN
Invoice Date: 5/31/2018

Order Number: 0170961
Order Date: 2/14/2018
Salesperson: MRT
Customer Number: NJCEDAR

Sold To:

Cedar Grove Police Dept.
525 Pompton Ave.
CEDAR GROVE, NJ 07009

Ship To:

Cedar Grove Police Dept.
525 Pompton Avenue
Attn. Ptl McElroy
973-239-4100 X262
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Confirm To:

Joseph Cirasa

Page: 1

Customer P.O.	Ship VIA	F.O.B.	Terms
294	UPS GROUND	Rockaway, NJ	Net 30 Days

Item Number	Unit	Ordered	Shipped	Back Order	Price	Amount
LSSWRPRODVR	EACH	31.00	31.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Software, digital Evidence PRO per DVR Digital Evidence Software Includes: Base Module, In **Whse:** 000

Serial Number: 14353
Serial Number: 14354
Serial Number: 14355
Serial Number: 14356
Serial Number: 14357
Serial Number: 14358
Serial Number: 14359
Serial Number: 14360
Serial Number: 14361
Serial Number: 14362
Serial Number: 14363
Serial Number: 14364
Serial Number: 14365
Serial Number: 14366
Serial Number: 14367
Serial Number: 14368
Serial Number: 14369
Serial Number: 14370
Serial Number: 14371
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294	UPS GROUND	Rockaway, NJ	Net 30 Days				
Item Number	Unit	Ordered	Shipped	Back Order	Price	Amount	
Serial Number: 14373							
Serial Number: 14374							
Serial Number: 14375							
Serial Number: 14376							
Serial Number: 14377							
Serial Number: 14378							
Serial Number: 14379							
Serial Number: 14380							
Serial Number: 14381							
Serial Number: 14382							
Serial Number: 14383							
SWIPNA2404POE	EACH	2.00	2.00	0.00	2,475.00	4,950.00	
Switch, 24 port GBE, 4x 10GBE SFP, POE, Dell			Whse: 000				
Serial Number: 1BJPPK2							
Serial Number: 1QQ8XC2							
BWCS3AG2	EACH	31.00	31.00	0.00	675.00	20,925.00	
BWX-100 complete camera system. Includes camera, docking station, power supply, alligator			Whse: 000				
Serial Number: 3000001266							
Serial Number: 3000001276							
Serial Number: 3000001302							
Serial Number: 3000001303							
Serial Number: 3000001304							

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Item Number		Unit	Ordered	Shipped	Back Order	Price	Amount
Serial Number:	3000001309						
Serial Number:	3000001312						
Serial Number:	3000001314						
Serial Number:	3000001346						
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Serial Number:	3000001362						
Serial Number:	3000001363						
Serial Number:	3000001364						
Serial Number:	3000001365						
Serial Number:	3000001366						

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COBAN Technologies, Inc.
SF Mobile Vision, Inc.
11375 W. Sam Houston Pkwy S., Suite 800
Houston, Texas 77031-2348, United States

REMITTANCE ADDRESS:

Coban Technologies Inc
SF Mobile Vision Inc
P.O. Box 74008996
Chicago, IL 60674-8996

INVOICE	50023
Invoice Date	December 02, 2022
Type	SO Invoice
Customer PO	22-2151

SOLD TO - NJCEDAR

Township of Cedar Grove Police Department
Police Department
525 Pompton Ave.
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009
US

BILL TO - NJCEDAR1

Township of Cedar Grove Police Department
Finance Department
525 Pompton Ave.
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009
US

SHIP TO

Township of Cedar Grove Police Department
Police Department
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US

Sales Order#	Tax Number	Ship Via	FOB	Terms	Sales Rep
SO048285		Ground	Destination	Net 30	

PART ID	DESCRIPTION	ORDER QTY	SHIPPED QTY	BALANCE DUE	UNIT PRICE	DISC	PRICE	TAX
FOCUS-11-00	FOCUS X2 BODY CAMERA PACKAGE	34	34	0	545.00		18,530.00	T
FOCUS-11-08	FOCUS X2 IR CLIP ON CAMERA	34	34	0	184.00		6,256.00	T
BWC-EMA-SWR	1 Year EMA Per Body Worn Device	34	34	0	100.00		3,400.00	T
FOCUS-02-00	FOCUS VEHICLE DOCK PACKAGE	7	7	0	450.00		3,150.00	T
WARR-X1-8BAYTSP5	FOCUS X1 8-Bay Office Dock 5-Year Techni	3	3	0	940.00		2,820.00	T
WARR-X1-ICADTSP5	FOCUS X1 Vehicle Dock 5-Year Technolog	7	7	0	305.00		2,135.00	T
FOCUS-04-KF05BC	KLICKFAST LEATHER BELT CLIP	34	34	0	30.00		1,020.00	T
FOCUS-04-KFMV	KLICKFAST MOLLE DOCK	34	34	0	28.00		952.00	T
LINST-17	INSTALLATION- MISC. INSTALLATION SE	7	7	0	195.00		1,365.00	T
LSRV-08	SERVICE- PROFESSIONAL SERVICE / Hf	16	16	0	195.00		3,120.00	T
FOCUS-03-00	FOCUS 8 BAY DOCK PACKAGE	3	3	0	1,295.00		3,885.00	T

CONTRACT # NJ 17-FLEET-00731

Your business is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

INVOICE SUBTOTAL	46,633.00
TAX AMT	0.00
INVOICE TOTAL	46,633.00

PAYABLE IN US DOLLARS

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SF Mobile Vision, Inc.
9411 S Sam Houston Pkwy W #300
Missouri City TX 77489, United States

REMITTANCE ADDRESS:
Coban Technologies Inc
SF Mobile Vision Inc
PO Box 74008996
Chicago, IL 60674

INVOICE	50635
Invoice Date	January 26, 2023
Type	SO Invoice
Customer PO	22-3184

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SO049843		Ground	Destination	Net 30	

PART ID	DESCRIPTION	ORDER QTY	SHIPPED QTY	BALANCE DUE	UNIT PRICE	DISC	PRICE	TAX
FOCUS-03-00	FOCUS 8 BAY DOCK PACKAGE	1	1	0	1,295.00		1,295.00	T
WARR-X1-8BAYTSP5	FOCUS X1 8-Bay Office Dock 5-Year Tech	1	1	0	940.00		940.00	T

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INVOICE SUBTOTAL	2,235.00
TAX AMT	0.00
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