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4/30/25

VIA EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Edward Grimes

Re: OPRA Request 2024-00569

Dear Edward Grimes:

I am writing in response to your request pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"). You requested the following:

"Any reports of the incident with Jamel Boyer in March 2025".

Your request is invalid under OPRA. Specifically you have failed to identify with reasonable clarity the specific records sought. New Jersey courts have consistently held that "OPRA does not countenance open-ended searches of an agency's files." See MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of ABC, 275 N.J. Super. 534, 549 (App. Div. 2005). Consequently, 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. Twp. of Stafford Police Dep't, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005).

Accordingly, please clarify your request to identify the specific records you are seeking so that the Summit Police Department may conduct a search. Please provide the requested clarification by the close of business on 5/9/25. Upon receipt of your clarification, the Department will advise you in writing of the anticipated response time. If a clarification is not received, your OPRA request will be deemed answered and closed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ryan Peters, Police Chief