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Debra Willard
Acting Municipal Clerk

January 23, 2026

Gabrielle Fink

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY: opra+request-85863-32a23be4@requests.opramachine.com

Dear Gabrielle,

We are in receipt of your OPRA request (copy attached). Please find the documents requested. Please note that personal identifying information has been redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 (19).

We have marked your OPRA request as satisfied and closed.

Sincerely,

Debra Willard
Acting Municipal Clerk

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To: TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD
TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE
Subject:

Gabrielle Fink <opra+request-85863-32a23be4@requests.opramachine.com>
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 2:51 PM
OPRA
[EXTERNAL]:OPRA request - Kimberly Bowers

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Dear Deptford Township,

Please accept this electronic request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form or use a particular software platform to submit my request per NJSA 47:1A-6(f), which states that an email from a requestor including all of the information required on the adopted form shall suffice in place of a completed form as a valid government record request.

I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States.

I WILL NOT use the requested government records for a commercial purpose.

I AM NOT seeking records in connection with a legal proceeding.

Records requested:

This request includes, but is not limited to:

Any and all records, reports, narratives, supplements, findings, and related documentation prepared by or involving Detective Mantici (Badge #5240) in connection with any investigation concerning Kimberly Bowers and The Early Learning Academy 2.

Requesting specifically the detectives report

- Initial incident or investigative reports
- Follow-up or supplemental reports
- Findings, determinations, or conclusions
- Correspondence, emails, or internal memoranda referencing the investigation
- Any referrals to other agencies
- Case status or closure documentation

My preferred delivery method for response(s) to this request is by E-mail as attachments. Please confirm you have received this request. If you are not the custodian of records, please forward my request to that person and provide their email address to me for future reference.

Yours faithfully,

Gabrielle Fink

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

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Heather L. Ryan

From: Thomas R. Mantici
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 3:31 PM
To: Heather L. Ryan
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]:RE: Possible Child abuse investigation

Det. Thomas Mantici 5240
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From: Thomas R. Mantici
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 2:40 PM
To: 'Santiago, Krystal D.' <ksantiago@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]:RE: Possible Child abuse investigation

Yea I think DCP&P did a brief interview and have a few more to do on Monday and then I'll go from there based on that. I appreciate it and you have a good weekend as well.

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From: Santiago, Krystal D. <ksantiago@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 2:37 PM
To: Thomas R. Mantici <tmantici@deptford-nj.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]:RE: Possible Child abuse investigation

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Okay, sounds good. Thank you for letting me know. We didn't get a notification from DCP&P about the investigation that sparked this. I know Elizabeth is out today. I am not sure what her schedule is like for next week but if you need anything else let me know. Sounds like you guys have it covered, but don't hesitate to reach out. Have a great weekend.

From: Thomas R. Mantici <tmantici@deptford-nj.org>
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 2:29 PM

To: Santiago, Krystal D. <ksantiago@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Subject: Possible Child abuse investigation

Just an FYI, I already talked with institutional abuse and have a phone call into the AP.

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From: Thomas R. Mantici
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 2:24 PM
To: Tornese, Elizabeth <etornese@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Subject: Possibly Child abuse investigation

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached report regarding an incident at the Early Learning Academy involving how 5 year old autistic student and the facility. I will call you and brief you on the incident but just wanted you to have the report for reference.

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From: Thomas R. Mantici
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 3:31 PM
To: Heather L. Ryan
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]:THE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY
Attachments: THE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY COMPLETE INVESTIGATION.docx

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From: Ingram, Katrina E. [DCF] <Katrina.Ingram@dcf.nj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:27 AM
To: Thomas R. Mantici <tmantici@deptford-nj.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]:THE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY

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Good morning,
Please see the attached investigation concerning [REDACTED] and Early Learning Academy. The investigation was closed in our office yesterday. Please let me know if you have any questions/need for clarity. Please confirm your receipt of this email.

Thank you,
Katrina

Katrina Ingram, Investigator 2
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Deptford Police Department		Supplemental Report	
Incident Report Number: 25-050920	Incident Location: 20 Cobblestone LN, Westville, NJ 08093	Incident Date: 12/11/2025	
New Incident:			
----- NARRATIVE On 12/17/2025, I was assigned an investigation involving a child who was reportedly blocked into a classroom corner with tables, chairs, and a chalkboard while under the care of staff at The Early Learning Academy, located at 20 Cobblestone Lane, Westville, NJ. On 12/17/2025, I made contact with the reporting party and the child's mother, Gabrielle Fink. Ms. Fink reported that an anonymous employee of her daughter's daycare (The Early Learning Academy) had filed a report with DCP&P Institutional Abuse regarding an incident involving her daughter. Ms. Fink further stated that DCP&P caseworker Katrina Ingram advised her that the incident would be investigated. Ms. Fink reported that after speaking with Ms. Ingram, she was sent a photograph by an anonymous daycare employee depicting her daughter positioned in a back corner of a classroom, blocked in by tables and chairs, and attempting to climb out of the confined area. Ms. Fink provided the photograph to both DCP&P and Officer Caporaletti, who added the image to the initial report. On 12/17/2025, I made contact with DCP&P Institutional Abuse, who confirmed they were actively investigating the incident. I was advised that Katrina Ingram was the lead investigator and that updates would be provided upon completion of the investigation. On 01/08/2026 at approximately 1102 hours, I spoke with Katrina Ingram, who advised that her investigation had been completed and that no criminal charges would be pursued. Ms. Ingram stated that the State would implement protective and preventative measures at the daycare facility. Her investigation included interviews with all involved parties, including Kimberly Bowers, Director of The Early Learning Academy, and Angela Schultz, the aide depicted in the photograph. Ms. Ingram advised that she would be contacting Ms. Fink within one week to provide an update regarding the investigation. Upon approval of her final report, she will forward a copy to me, at which time I will follow up with Ms. Fink regarding any additional questions or concerns. On 01/08/2026, I contacted Detective Sergeant Krystal Santiago of the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office, Special Victims Unit, who advised that law enforcement should defer to the findings of the DCP&P investigation and that the reported facts do not meet the criteria for a criminal investigation. At this time, the case is closed by this detective. Supplemental investigation report complete.			
Reporting Officer(s): Mantici, Thomas R.		Badge Number: 5240	Report Date: 01/08/2026
Reviewed by: Pardini, Michael A.	Badge Number: 5199	Copy To:	Page: 1 of 2

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