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By Electronic Mail (TO: opra+request-12412-4b433888@requests.opramachine.com)

TO: Kim Taeho

The Township of Bordentown received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on May 27, 2020. The official Records Custodian, Maria Carrington, Township Clerk, received your OPRA request on the same date. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is June 5, 2020.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

1. A list of all lawsuits and cases in which any officer of the police department was involved between 2012 and 2019. For each lawsuit/case, please provide the date (month and year) of the alleged incident at issue, whether the alleged incident was excessive force, settlement amount (if any), and final compensation amount ruled (if any).

The Township does not maintain a list of lawsuits nor is there electronic data which would produce a list responsive to your request. The Township notes this request seeks information but does not identify specific government records. A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired. Custodians are not required to conduct research or create new records in response to an OPRA request. See Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005).

2. Please provide copies of the complaint in any lawsuits and cases described above.

There are no documents responsive to your 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 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, or at their web site at 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria Carrington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Maria Carrington, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk