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REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS
(N.J.S.A. 47:1A – 1, et seq.)
GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

TO: Taeho Kim
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DATE: June 29, 2020

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA) request on May 27, 2020, for which you 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).
2. Please provide copies of the complaint in any lawsuits and cases described above.

A response was provided to you on May 28, 2020 via email indicating that an extension of time until June 29, 2020 was needed to fulfill your request due to the pandemic and the limited number of employees available to provide responsive records to the custodian of records.

Please be advised that additional time until July 6, 2020 is needed to fulfill your request as the records responsive to your request are in the process of being gathered. Pursuant to P.L. 2020.c.10, the seven (7) business day deadline by which a public agency is required to respond to OPRA requests is not applicable during a period declared pursuant to the laws of this State as a state of emergency, public health emergency, or state of local disaster emergency, as long as the custodian of a government record makes a reasonable effort, as the circumstances permit, to respond to a request for access to a government record within seven (7) business days or as soon as possible thereafter. This response to your request is being provided via email as per your request.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within seven (7) business days required by law, or within a reasonable amount of time during a state of emergency, public health emergency, or state of local disaster emergency, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Town of Westfield 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.

Dated: 6/29/20


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