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

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DATE: July 1, 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 June 29, 2020 via email indicating that an extension of time until July 6, 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.

The following records are being provided and are responsive to your request:

1. SM 123 South LLC v. Lyndsay Ruotolo & Christopher Battiloro (28 pages)
2. Sorrentino et al v. Town of Westfield et al (252 pages)
3. Courtney A. Schael v. Town of Westfield (21 pages)
4. Stephanie Branna v. Town of Westfield (10 pages)
5. Ronald H. Posyton, III v. Town of Westfield (110 pages)
6. Ronald H. Posyton, III v. Town of Westfield (39 pages)
7. Ronald H. Posyton, III v. Town of Westfield (92 pages)

Please be advised the Town of Westfield does not maintain a list of all lawsuits and cases. Therefore, there are no records responsive to your request. Custodians are not required to conduct research or create new records in response to an OPRA request.

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.