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June 23, 2020

Taeho Kim

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Dear Taeho Kim,

The City of Asbury Park received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on May 28, 2020.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

“Records requested:

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 in above.”

As previously stated in the June 5, 2020 email, there are no records responsive to your request of #1 “list of all lawsuits and cases in which any officer of the police department was involved between 2012 and 2019.”

Moreover, a request for clarification was emailed to you (forwarded email attached) on June 5, 2020 asking you to clarify #2 of your request. We asked that you specify the name of the police officer for the “complaint in any lawsuits and cases” so that we could properly route your OPRA request. Currently, #2 of your request fails to identify with reasonable clarity the specific government records sought, as is required by Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). At this time, we request clarification of your OPRA request. Please respond in writing and identify the specific government records sought so that we may process your request. Please specify name of the police officer for the “complaint in any lawsuits and cases.” Failure to provide written clarification of your request within two (2) business days will result in the closure of this OPRA request.

Sincerely,

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