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June 8, 2020

Taeho Kim

VIA EMAIL – opra+request-12799-b0fd7bb2@requests.opramachine.com

RE: OPRA Request

Dear Mr. Kim

The Lodi Police Department received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on May 28, 2020. The Official Records Custodian, Captain Robert Salerno, received your OPRA request on May 28, 2020. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is June 8, 2020. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 7th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

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.”

Your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill because of the request size. OPRA allows custodians to seek an extension of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, “the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied.”

Your request requires an extension of time until June 12, 2020.

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 by the Lodi Police Department 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 email 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 the Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CAPTAIN Robert Salerno". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CAPTAIN ROBERT SALERNO
CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION
LODI POLICE DEPARTMENT