



## TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE

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June 3, 2020

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Via e-mail: [opra+request-12403-4f682054@requests.opramachine.com](mailto:opra+request-12403-4f682054@requests.opramachine.com)

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Dear Gentlemen,

The Township of Belleville received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on May 27, 2020. The official Records Custodian, Kelly A. Cavanagh, received your OPRA request on May 27, 2020. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is June 5, 2020. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 5th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

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).

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

Your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill because time is needed to assemble the required documents, some of which are stored off site. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions 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 of thirty (30) days until July 6, 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 Township of Belleville 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](mailto:grc@dca.state.nj.us), or at their web site at [www.state.nj.us/grc](http://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,



Kelly A. Cavanagh,  
Municipal Clerk  
Township of Belleville

## OPRA request - OPRA: police officer-involved lawsuits 2012-2019

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Wed 5/27/2020 5:38 PM

To: Kelly Cavanagh <kcavanagh@bellevillenj.org>

Dear Belleville Township,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

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

Yours faithfully,

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Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

opra+request-12403-4f682054@requests.opramachine.com

Is kcavanagh@bellevillenj.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Belleville Township? If so, please contact us using this form:

[https://opramachine.com/change\\_request/new?body=belleville\\_township](https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=belleville_township)

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