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Via E-Mail [opra+request-58292-c85bcc8a@requests.opramachine.com] February 22, 2024
Jacob Toby

Re: Open Public Records Act Request received February 14, 2024

Dear Mr. Toby:

The Morris County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff's Office") records custodian received your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request on February 14, 2024. The seven business day deadline to respond to your request is February 26, 2024. As such, the Sheriff's Office is timely responding to your request in accordance with New Jersey law.

Your request seeks the following records:

Dear Morris County Sheriff's Office,

We hope all is well we are reaching out to see please provide a list of all persons who are owed surplus funds from the sheriff sales dating from 2019-2024

Yours faithfully,

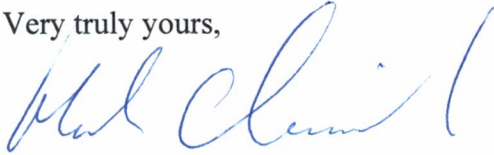
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OPRA requests may not be a broad generic description of documents that require the custodian to search the agency's files and "analyze, compile, and collate" the requested information. *Id.*; see also Lagerkvist v. Office of Governor of State, 443 N.J. Super. 230, 237 (App. Div. 2015) (holding that OPRA does not convert a custodian into a researcher, which would have been the effect of the request). Here, your requests are clearly deficient as they purportedly seek all records pertaining to a list of persons owed surplus funds, and purports to require the Sheriff's Office records custodian to conduct research with respect to same. See Parreott v. Asbury Park School District, GRC Complaint Nos. 2016-20 & 2016-39 (Sept. 2017) (holding that the portion of the request seeking "all relevant documents" was invalid because it sought a class of various records and would have required the records custodian to conduct research in order to locate responsive records); see also Burke v. Ocean Cty., 2013 WL 6169154 (App. Div. 2013) (holding that an OPRA request is not the equivalent of lawsuit discovery).

Notwithstanding the invalidity of your request, in the interest of transparency, the Morris County Sheriff's Office is not in possession of any responsive records as this is a record not regularly maintained by the Office.

Your OPRA request is now deemed answered and closed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Chiarolanza", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Chiarolanza

Confidential Assistant – Public Information