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VIA E-MAIL [opra+request-36398-8f24adec@requests.opramachine.com]
Waliyy Dixon

Re: Open Public Records Act/Common Law Request

Dear Mr. Dixon:

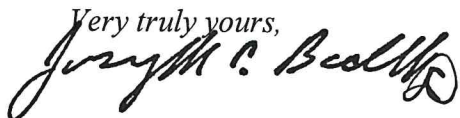
The City of Linden ("City") records custodian is in receipt of your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") and common law Request ("Request") submitted on November 3, 2022. On December 12, 2022, the City obtained an extension of time to respond to your Request until January 10, 2023. As such, the City is timely responding to your Request in accordance with New Jersey law.

Your Request seek the following records:

Police Body camera from October 29, 2022, the incident
where I Waliyy Dixon was threatened by Derek Armstead.

In its December 12, 2022 correspondence, the City specifically reserved the right to obtain an additional extension if necessary. The City anticipates requiring an additional three weeks (until January 31, 2023) to compile, review, and produce the potentially responsive records in accordance with New Jersey law. The City also reserves the right to request an additional extension of time if necessary. See Scheeler v. New Jersey Department of Educ., GRC Complaint No. 2014-123 (2016).

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,


Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk

New Jersey Government Records Council ("GRC")



What to do if your request for a record has been denied

The New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 *et seq.*) permits a person who believes that he or she has been unlawfully denied access to a public record either to file a complaint with the GRC or to file suit in Superior Court to challenge the decision and compel disclosure. This poster describes the procedures for taking such actions.

To file a complaint with the GRC:

- Visit the GRC's website at www.nj.gov/grc for information and to register your complaint. In the alternative, you may contact the GRC by telephone at 1-866-850-0511 or by e-mail at government.records@dca.nj.gov.
- When you file the written complaint, the GRC will offer both you and the public agency non-adversarial, impartial mediation. If mediation is not accepted or is not successful, the GRC will investigate the complaint.
- In some cases, the GRC can award attorney's fees to a complainant or impose a fine against a records custodian.
- There is no fee to file a complaint with the GRC.

To file a complaint in Superior Court:

- A requestor may start a summary (expedited) lawsuit in the Superior Court. A written complaint and order to show cause must be filed with the court.
- The court requires a filing fee, and you must serve the lawsuit papers on the appropriate parties.
- The court will schedule a hearing to resolve the dispute.
- If you disagree with the court's decision, you may appeal the decision to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.
- If you are successful, you may be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.
- You may wish to consult with an attorney to learn about initiating and pursuing a summary lawsuit in the Superior Court.
- Filing suit in Superior Court may result in a faster resolution, because the courts adjudicate cases every day, whereas the GRC only meets once a month.

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