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May 21, 2020

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Dear Mr. Makropoulos,

The Carteret Police Department received your OPRA Records Act (**N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1**) dated, May 12, 2020. The official Records Custodian, Captain VanWoeart Jeffrey received your OPRA request on May 12, 2020. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request was May 21, 2020. This response is being provided on the **Seventh (7th)** business day since the Carteret Police Departments records custodian received said request.

A request pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, **N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.** ("OPRA") must identify the records sought with specificity. Bent v. Stafford Police department, 381 N.J. Super. 30 (App. Div. 2005): The Court affirmed the GRC's decision (GRC Complaint No. 2004-78) that the complainant's request was broad and unclear ("any and all"). The Council ruled that the information sought did not amount to an identifiable government record.

The following specific records have been requested:

"All use of force incidents and complaints against officer Joseph Reiman and Charles Reiman in the years between 2015 up to 2020 which is most current... all video audio and paper transcripts".

We have received your request and need an extension of time.

The size of your request is voluminous and therefore requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill. OPRA allows custodians to seek 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 2, 2020.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within seven (7) business days by law, you have the right to challenge the decision by the Carteret 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. In addition to the website, information can be obtained from GRC Staff by email Government.Records@dca.nj.gov, toll-free phone number (866-855-0511), fax (609-633-6337), or by US mail at PO Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0819.

OPRA prepared by Jasbir S Judge Records Clerk on behalf of Captain VanWoeart Jeffrey.

Respectfully,

Captain VanWoeart Jeffrey



Jasbir Judge