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Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-56404-aa2ff78a@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request

Dear Sir/Madam:

This office is in receipt of your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Please be advised that your request for "a list of the tier 1 sexual offenders in Ocean County since 1995" is invalid, as it seeks data and/or information. See Bent v. Township of Stafford Police Dept., Custodian of Records, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005) ("To qualify under OPRA..., the request must reasonably identify a record and not generally data, information or statistics.") Additionally, compliance with the request would require research, analysis and judgment by this office, which is prohibited by OPRA:

While OPRA provides an alternative means of access to government documents not otherwise exempted from its reach, it is not intended as a research tool litigants may use to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information. Rather, OPRA simply operates to make identifiable government records "readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination." See MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005).

Based on the foregoing, your request is denied. Should you disagree with our decision, please contact us in writing with your concerns so that we may consider them. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (732) 929-2027, ext. 3135.

Yours very truly,
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