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Wednesday, February 23, 2021

Charlie Kratovil

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Re: OPRA Request 21.02-079

Dear Mr. Kratovil:

My office is in receipt of your OPRA request dated February 17, 2021, and received the same. Your request for *“all reports of motor vehicle accidents (MVA’s), crashes, or other incidents where sanitation workers, including other city employees who may have been re-assigned to sanitation work, were struck by vehicles, including garbage trucks, during the month of February 2021.”* are not record(s) that can be readily searched for. Instead, your request would require research, a parameter not required by the OPRA statute. Your request for such record(s) is denied. Additionally, your request for *“any other reports that may have been made related to these incidents”* is vague, overly broad and lacks the specificity of a proper OPRA request. The OPRA statute, and affirmed by applicable case law, requires the requestor to identify with reasonable clarity the desired documents, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency’s documents. Bent v. Twp. of Stafford Police Department, Custodian of Records, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005).

The New Brunswick Police Department publishes motor vehicle crash reports on-line and free of charge on the City’s website. Those reports can be accessed at:

https://www.cityofnewbrunswick.org/residents/public_safety/police/accident_reports.php#outer-4867

If the free postings on the City’s website do not fulfill your requirement, this office can provide copies of every motor vehicle crash report for the month of February 2021, and as the requestor, you can review the documents and conduct your own research to extrapolate the information you seek. If you wish to proceed with an amended request, please respond to the City Clerk’s Office (Custodian of Records) accordingly. Please be advised that a request of all motor vehicle crash reports for a particular month may require a special service charge dependent on the scope of work required to fulfill such request. Thank you for your interest in this matter and if my office can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Deputy Director J.T. Miller

cc. Leslie Zeledon, City Clerk
Joseph Catanese, Asst. City Attorney