



Carteret Police Department
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Dennis McFadden
Chief of Police

August 25, 2021

Dear Cartea,

The Carteret Police Department is in receipt of your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (**NJSA 47:1A-1**) dated, August 16, 2021. The Carteret Police Department Official Records Custodian, Captain Jeffrey VanWoeart received your OPRA request on August 16, 2021. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request was August 25, 2021. This response is being provided today.

The following specific records have been requested:

“08/10/2021-Requesting report of home visit where it was advised by officer to parent withholding child to return them. Parent denied. 08/12/2021 to 8203 Emily on. Carteret, NJ 07304.”

Record responses to this request:

Investigation report I-2021-034937 and I-2021-035204 has been located. Investigation reports are Criminal Investigatory Records. Criminal Investigatory Records are exempt from release under OPRA. Pursuant to **NJSA 47:1A-1.1**, criminal investigator records are “records which are not required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file that are held by a law enforcement agency which pertain to any criminal investigation or related civil enforcement proceeding.”

Considering the principles of law listed above your request is **denied**.

If you are requesting under common law, you must articulate your legal interest in the subject matter contained in the material, then the material may be disclosed if under a balancing act your right of access outweighs the State's interest in preventing disclosure. Please articulate your legal interest.

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 on behalf of Captain Jeffrey VanWoeart.

Respectfully,

Captain Jeffrey VanWoeart

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Judge", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jasbir S Judge