

Tara Pettoni

due 2/29/24
emailed 2/29/24

From: Richard Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Tara Pettoni
Subject: OPRA request

CT → 3/15/24

emailed 3/8/24
emailed 3/14/24

I am making this request under the open public records act.

Lawsuits, (2) filed against the town of Dover by William Newton, Captain of Dover police department.

Lawsuit and settlement filed by Charlie Peterson, retired Lieutenant of Dover Police Department.

Please provide these public records pursuant to OPRA.

Thank you.

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Tara Pettoni

From: Tara Pettoni
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:04 PM
To: 'Richard Gonzalez'
Cc: Kayla Wrigley
Subject: OPRA REQUEST-TOWN OF DOVER
Attachments: NEWTON COMPLAINT.pdf; PETERSON COMPLAINT.pdf

Good Afternoon,

The Town of Dover received your OPRA Request on 2/20/24. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is 2/29/24. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 7th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

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Thank you,

Tara M. Pettoni, RMC

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Dover, NJ 07801
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From: Tara Pettoni
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 4:55 PM
To: Richard Gonzalez
Cc: Kayla Wrigley
Subject: RE: OPRA REQUEST-TOWN OF DOVER
Attachments: NEWTON COMPLAINT OPRA.pdf

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From: Richard Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 7:39 AM
To: Tara Pettoni <TPettoni@Dover.NJ.US>
Cc: Kayla Wrigley <kwrigley@Dover.NJ.US>
Subject: Re: OPRA REQUEST-TOWN OF DOVER

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Have you been in contact with Captain Newton and acting on his behalf?

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To: Richard Gonzalez
Cc: Kayla Wrigley
Subject: OPRA REQUEST-TOWN OF DOVER
Attachments: PETERSON SETTLEMENT 2022.pdf; Peterson Settlement Agreement_Redacted.pdf

Tracking:	Recipient	Delivery
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	Kayla Wrigley	Delivered: 3/14/2024 2:39 PM

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