

Tara Pettoni

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From: Richard Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 6:16 PM
To: Tara Pettoni
Subject: OPRA request

3/28/24
emailed 3/28/24
Ext → 4/11/24

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

Copies of lawsuits and settlements records filed against the Town of Dover by the following officers, Chief Harold Valentine, Lt. Barry Young, Lt. Francis Coppinger Jr, Sgt. William Woodhull, Lt. Michael Pier,

Please provide these public records pursuant to OPRA.

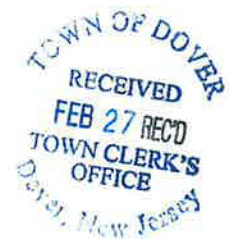
Thank you.

Lawsuit

Settlements

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Valentine ✓
Barry Young ✓
Francis Coppinger ✓
William Woodhull 2020
Michael Pier ✓

✓ 2015
✓
2017



Sent to Attorney - 3/15/24

Tara Pettoni

From: Tara Pettoni
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 5:03 PM
To: Richard Gonzalez
Cc: Kayla Wrigley
Subject: OPRA REQUEST-TOWN OF DOVER

Good Afternoon,

The Town of Dover received your OPRA Request on 2/27/24. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is 3/7/24. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 7th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your request sought access to the following:

- Lawsuits and settlement agreements for the following officers:
 - Chief Harold Valentine
 - Lt. Barry Young
 - Lt. Francis Coppinger
 - Sgt. William Woodhull
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The Town of Dover requires an extension of time beyond the initial seven (7) day response period to search for, identify, and review responsive records. See *Scheeler v. N.J. Dep't of Educ.*, GRC Complaint No. 2014-123 (Feb. 2016) (validating extension under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g) and N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i) where custodian provided written response within seven (7) business days and provided specific date when records would be ready). The Town anticipates that records readily identified as responsive to your request, with any necessary redactions, will be available to you by close of business on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Thank you,

Tara M. Pettoni, RMC

Municipal Clerk
Town of Dover
37 North Sussex Street
Dover, NJ 07801
(973) 366-2200 ext. 1128

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From: Tara Pettoni
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To: Richard Gonzalez
Cc: Kayla Wrigley
Subject: OPRA REQUEST-TOWN OF DOVER
Attachments: YOUNG COMPLAINT.pdf; COPPINGER COMPLAINT.pdf; PIER COMPLAINT.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

You submitted an Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request Form to the Town of Dover which was received by the Municipal Clerk on 2/26/2024. Pursuant to the Act, the Town has 7 business days, beginning the day after receipt of the request by the Records Custodian, within which to respond. The Township requested an extension of time to complete the request until 3/28/2024. Therefore, please accept this email as the Township's partial response to your request.

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Attached, please find some of the complaints that were filed. According to legal counsel, the Valentine Complaint stemmed from a disciplinary matter and a complaint was not filed. As it relates to the Woodhull complaint, legal counsel looked on eCourts but there was not a responsive record. I am requesting an additional extension for the responsive settlement agreements. I received a response from legal today however, none of the appropriate redactions have been made. See *Scheeler v. N.J. Dep't of Educ.*, GRC Complaint No. 2014-123 (Feb. 2016) (validating extension under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g) and N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i) where custodian provided written response within seven (7) business days and provided specific date when records would be ready). The Town anticipates that records readily identified as responsive to your request, with any necessary redactions, will be available to you by close of business on Thursday, April 11, 2024. If the records become available before then, I will be sure to send them to you.

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Kayla Wrigley

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Subject: OPRA REQUEST-TOWN OF DOVER
Attachments: YOUNG COMPLAINT.pdf; Young Settlement Redacted.pdf; Valentine Settlement Agreement REDACT..pdf; Coopinger Settlement Redacted.pdf; COPPINGER COMPLAINT.pdf; PIER COMPLAINT.pdf

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Attached please find the records that to the best of my knowledge are believed to be responsive to your request. Please note we were advised by legal counsel that they could not confirm that complaint for Sgt. William Woodhull exists. Legal counsel also advised that there is no complaint pertaining to Chief Harold Valentine. Redactions have been made to personnel information pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10. Lastly, the town is not in possession of a settlement agreement for Lt. Pier.

There are no other records responsive to your OPRA Request. This request is now deemed complete and closed.

Thank you,

Kayla Wrigley
Deputy Municipal Clerk
Town of Dover
37 North Sussex Street
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(973) 366-2200 ext. 1114

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