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Barbara Ann

Via OPRA machine: opra+request-83433-801b2c6d@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request
Standard operating procedures, directives, orders and/or memoranda related to body worn cameras

Dear Barbara Ann:

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 “any standard operating procedure, directive, order, and/or memorandum related to the use of body worn camera and the retention of recordings from body worn cameras from September 13, 2019 or earlier” is impermissibly vague and overbroad as it does not identify any specific records or documents in existence; instead, it asks for research to determine which documents pertain to the request.

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).

Therefore, your request is denied.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office 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. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at Government.Records@dca.nj.gov or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The Council can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

With this letter, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office considers your OPRA request to be fulfilled.

Yours very truly,

s/Dina R. Khajezadeh

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