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September 10, 2018

Mr. Robert Plummer
VIA OPRA Machine

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request

Dear Mr. Plummer:

Please be advised that your request for documents relating to and supporting the statistical information does not identify a record in existence; instead, it is an impermissible request that our agency research which documents are responsive to your request, which our courts have prohibited:

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."

MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375
N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005)

Based on the foregoing, you must identify as specific document for inspection or else we cannot satisfy your request for records.

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at 732-929-2027, x 3623.

Yours very truly,

Shiraz I. Deen
Assistant Prosecutor

Prestia , Donna

From: Deen, Shiraz
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Prestia , Donna
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Statistics for Death related to Overdose in Ocean County

New opramachine, it's a request for research so we deny on that. Let me know if you don't have the boilerplate for it and I'll send you some.

Shiraz Deen
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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Plummer [mailto:opra+request-2432-94504119@requests.opramachine.com]
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Deen, Shiraz <SDeen@co.ocean.nj.us>
Subject: OPRA request - Statistics for Death related to Overdose in Ocean County

Dear Ocean County Prosecutor's Office,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access.
Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

All documents relating to and supporting the statistical information presented by Prosecutor Coronato in his speech before Congress specifically relating to deaths related deaths due to overdose and percentage of narcotics samples that tested positive for fentanyl dating back to 2014.

Coronato specifically states in his speech that "Ocean County has been tracking the opioid death rate on a monthly basis since 2014." and also "A brief summary from the Ocean County Forensic Laboratory for 2017 and 2018 is startling. The number of Fentanyl laced submissions rose from 35% in 2017 to 52% so far in 2018. In addition, Fentanyl laced submissions now appear to frequently be combined with at least 14 other drugs such as cocaine, methamphetamine and alprazolam."

I am seeking the documentation of information used to back up these claims.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Plummer

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