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DONALD SCORZETTI, CHIEF OF POLICE

November 7, 2018

Anonymous
Via Electronic Mail Only – opra+request-2831-6fe57e57ce9@requests.opramachine.com

RE: OPRA Request

Dear Anonymous:

The Lodi Police Department received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on November 1, 2018. The official Records Custodian, Lieutenant Robert Salerno, received your OPRA request on November 2, 2018. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is November 14, 2018. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 2nd business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Please be advised that Arrest Reports under New Jersey Law are considered to be a Criminal Investigative Record, therefore, they are not able to be provided under OPRA. We have attached a copy of the press release of the arrest, generated by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, which indicates the charges and any other pertinent information, as well as Ms. Stephanie Carafa's mug shot photograph.

These records are being transmitted to you via electronic mail only, as per your request. There is no charge for the transmittal of this response.

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 Lodi 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. 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 grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC 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.

Sincerely,

LT Robert Salerno

LIEUTENANT ROBERT SALERNO
CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION
LODI POLICE DEPARTMENT

/Enc.

Robert Salerno

From: Carole Damico
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2018 9:21 AM
To: Robert Salerno
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Stephanie Carafa Arrest Report

Good morning Lt. Salerno,

Please see OPRA email below. This was in my spam and I just saw it yesterday at 3:55 PM.

Thank you.
Carole

Carole L. D'Amico, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Borough of Lodi
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Lodi, New Jersey 07644
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Fax: 973-365-1723

From: Anonymous [opra+request-2831-6fe57ce9@requests.opramachine.com]
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 8:48 PM
To: Carole Damico
Subject: OPRA request - Stephanie Carafa Arrest Report

Dear Lodi Borough,

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:
Stephanie Carafa Arrest Report

Yours faithfully,

Anonymous

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-2831-6fe57ce9@requests.opramachine.com

Is cdamico@lodi-nj.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Lodi Borough? If so, please contact us using this form:
https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=lodi_borough

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https://opramachine.com/help/officers

FORWARDED to BCPO. ON 11/1/2018 FOR RESPONSE

View this OPRA request & responses online:
https://opramachine.com/request/stephanie_carafa_arrest_report

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

Bergen County Prosecutor's Office
PRESS RELEASE

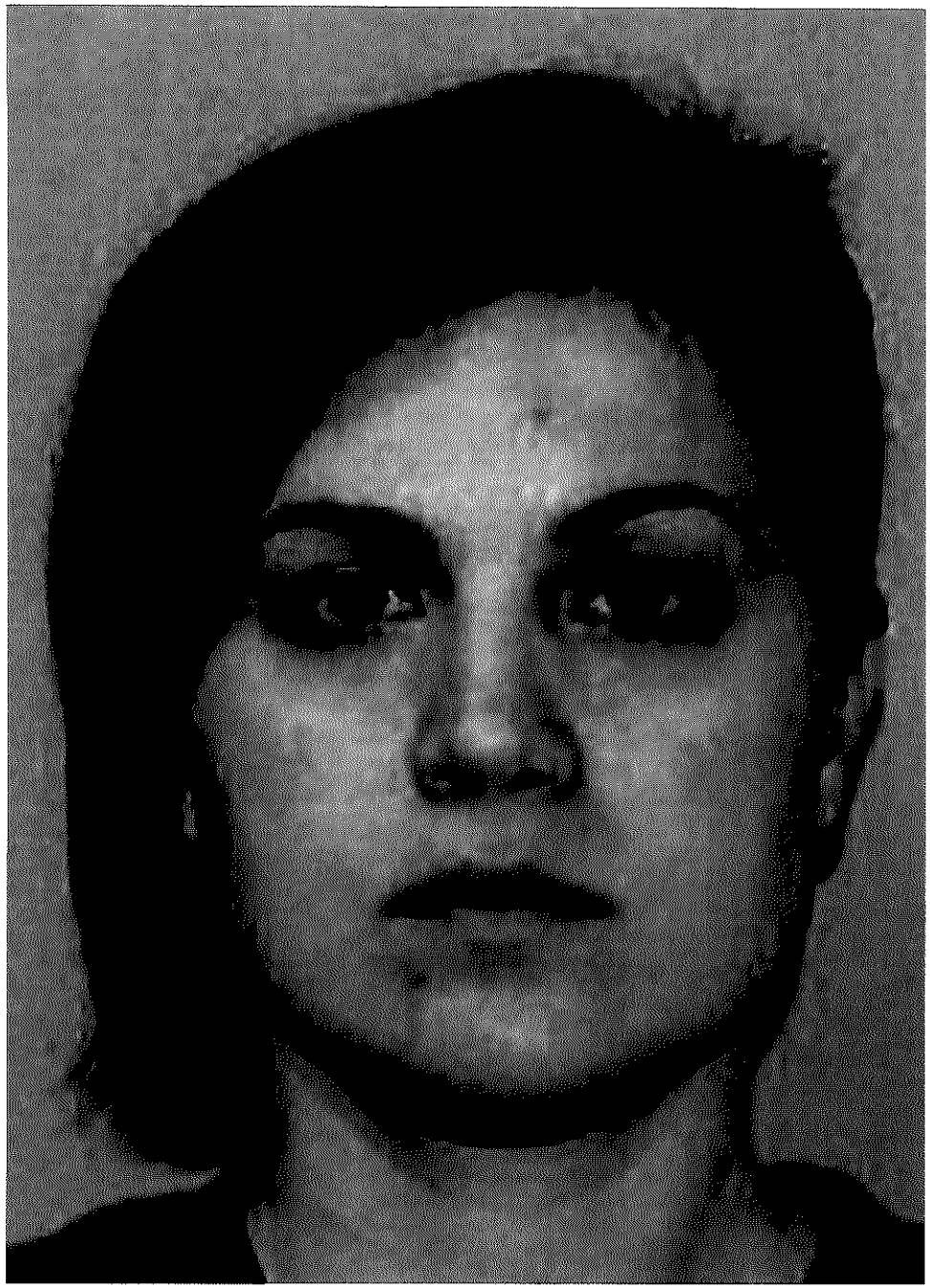
TO: ALL NEWS MEDIA
FROM: ACTING PROSECUTOR DENNIS CALO
DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2018
CONTACT: AP ELIZABETH REBEIN (201) 226-5660 [OFFICE]
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (201) 509-1676 [CELL]
PRESS@BCPO.NET IS PREFERRED

STEPHANIE A. CARAFA OF LODI, NJ CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT AND ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

Acting Bergen County Prosecutor Dennis Calo announced the arrest of **STEPHANIE A. CARAFA** (DOB: 03/12/1986; single; employed as a school teacher) of Lodi, New Jersey on charges of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Contact and Endangering The Welfare Of A Child. The arrest is the result of an investigation conducted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office under the direction of Chief Robert Anzilotti and the Lodi Police Department under the direction of Chief Donald Scorzetti.

On Friday, October 26, 2018, the Lodi Police Department received information that Stephanie A. CARAFA, a school teacher at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Lodi, had exchanged explicit photographs and videos with a juvenile under the age of sixteen. An investigation by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit and the Lodi Police Department revealed that CARAFA also engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with a student who was under the age of sixteen.

CARAFA was arrested on Saturday, October 27, 2018 and charged with one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24A, a 2nd degree crime; and one count of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Contact, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3A, a 3rd degree crime. She is scheduled for a detention hearing in Hackensack, NJ on Friday, November 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Acting Prosecutor Calo states that the charges are merely accusations and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, and would also like to thank the Lodi Police Department for its assistance in the investigation.

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