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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request

Dear “Yours Truly”:

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office (HCPO) is in receipt of your January 19, 2025 OPRA request, in which you request, in relevant part, the following:

“Any and all written notes, and digital notes, reports, documents, CAD on 7/29/24 from the incident involving a barricaded subject at the Siesta Motel 615 US Highway 22, Whitehouse, NJ 08889 from officers B. Winfield, B. Hanley and T. Drew”.

HCPO needs an extension of time on which to respond to your detailed request above, as the records you seek require a substantial amount of time to identify and categorize for review and disclosure. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5i(1)¹ states:

Unless a shorter time period is otherwise provided by statute, regulation, or executive order, a custodian of a government record shall grant access to a government record or deny a request for access to a government record as soon as possible, but not later than seven business days after receiving the request, provided that the record is currently available and not in storage or archived. In the event a custodian fails to respond within seven business days after receiving a request, the failure to respond shall be deemed a denial of the request, unless the requestor has elected not to provide a name, address or telephone number, or other means of contacting the requestor. If the requestor has elected not to provide a name, address, or telephone number, or other means of contacting the requestor, the custodian shall not be required to respond until the requestor reappears before the custodian seeking a response to the original request. If the government record is in storage or archived, the requestor shall be so advised within seven business days after the custodian receives the request. The requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied.

[(Emphasis added). See also New Jersey Builders Ass'n v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J. Super. 166 (App. Div.), certif. denied, 190 N.J. 394 (2007).]

Accordingly, please allow this correspondence to serve as HCPO's notice of a fourteen (14)-business day extension to respond to your records request.

¹ Subsection (2) of section i. of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5 relaxes the deadlines established in subsection (1) during certain declared periods of emergency, which do not apply here.

Thank you for your attention to this response. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Paravecchia', written in a cursive style.

By: JOSEPH PARAVECCHIA
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