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March 24, 2016

Via Overnight Mail (UPS)

Mike Kaszuba
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Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request

Dear Mr. Kaszuba:

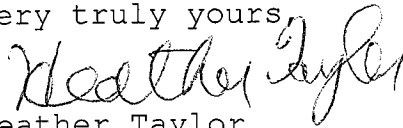
This letter constitutes the response of the Office of the Governor to the attached OPRA request. Please be advised that your request is overbroad and therefore invalid under OPRA. OPRA does not allow for "open-ended demands 'for every document a public agency has on file.'" Spectraserv, Inc. v. Middlesex Cnty. Utilities Auth., 416 N.J. Super. 565, 576 (App. Div. 2010). Nor does OPRA require a public agency to "survey [its] employees," to conduct "[r]esearch," or to review all of its files to "select the documents and data" that might be responsive to a broad request. N.J. Builders Assoc. v. N.J. COAH, 390 N.J. Super. 166, 171, 178 (App. Div. 2007); see also Lagerkvist v. Office of the Governor, 2015 N.J. Super. LEXIS 207, *8-9 (App. Div. 2015). "Rather, 'OPRA requires a party requesting access to a public record to specifically describe the document sought' so that the records may be readily and reasonably identified within the short time frame within which government custodians must respond." Spectraserv, supra, 416 N.J. Super. at 576 (citation omitted). A request that is "'complex' because it fails to specifically identify the documents sought . . . is not 'encompassed' by OPRA." Id. at 577.

If there are specific records that you seek, please identify them as explicitly as possible and we will attempt to locate the records for you. If you choose to do so, please be advised that due to current technological limitations in our Office's email system, we cannot perform office-wide email

searches or searches for more than one keyword at a time. In addition, due to our system's limitations, we need the names of specific State employees whose records you would like us to search using an identified keyword. Furthermore, we do not know the names of "staff member[s] of the Donald Trump presidential campaign," so you will have to provide us with the names and/or the domain name for Mr. Trump's campaign. To summarize, if you would like us to search for electronic correspondence, in a new OPRA request, please identify the specific State custodians whose accounts you would like searched, the names of the staff members of the Donald Trump campaign and/or the domain name for the campaign and search term(s), and we will run the search from December 1, 2015 through March 4, 2016.

Your OPRA request is hereby closed. This response does not waive or limit any other rights afforded this Office under OPRA, which are all expressly reserved. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (609) 777-2462.

Very truly yours,



Heather Taylor
Custodian of Government Records

Enclosure

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March 9, 2016

Office of the Governor
Custodian of government records
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RE: Public records request

Dear custodian of government records,

This is a request for public records under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1 et seq.). Through this request, I am seeking copies of the following public records created, received, transmitted, or maintained between December 1, 2015 and March 4, 2016:

1. Any and all written or electronic correspondence between Governor Chris Christie and any staff member of the Donald Trump presidential campaign;
2. Any and all written or electronic correspondence between any staff member of the office of Governor Chris Christie and any staff member of the Donald Trump presidential campaign.

I am willing to pay for copies up to \$100.00 without notice. If copy fees are estimated to exceed this amount, please provide me with an estimate for costs expected to exceed \$100.00. Please provide copies in either paper form, or electronically, in PDF file format.

I am requesting that you promptly comply with this request to provide records, as provided by C. 47:1A-5(g). To the extent that you are unable to comply with any portion of this request, please notify me in writing of the specific legal basis for your action.

I can be reached at 651-556-1381 for any questions that you may have about this request.

Sincerely,

Mike Kaszuba
Editor, Public Record Media