



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Order – *In Camera* Review

Scott Madlinger
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2022-587

v.

Lacey Township Police Department (Ocean)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Veronica Laureigh
Request Received by Custodian: October 13, 2022
GRC Complaint Received: October 25, 2022

Order: The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of the responsive redacted copies of e-mail logs for the municipality's police chief from September 20, 2022 to October 13, 2022, to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that those records were lawfully redacted. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. See Paff v. N.J. Dep't of Labor, Bd. of Review, 379 N.J. Super. 346, 355 (App. Div. 2005). **Thus, the Custodian shall deliver¹ to the Council in a in a sealed envelope nine (9) copies of the requested unredacted records, nine (9) copies of the redacted records, and a document or redaction index.²**

This is an Administrative Order requiring compliance within ten (10) business days after receipt thereof. The Custodian shall also simultaneously deliver³ certified confirmation of compliance with this Order, in accordance with N.J. Court Rules, R. 1:4-4,⁴ to the Executive Director.

Effective Date of Disposition: March 28, 2023

Prepared By: John E. Stewart

Date: March 21, 2023

Distribution Date: March 30, 2023

¹ The *in camera* records may be sent overnight mail, regular mail, or be hand-delivered, at the discretion of the Custodian, as long as the GRC physically receives them by the deadline.

² The document or redaction index should identify the record and/or each redaction asserted and the lawful basis for the denial.

³ The certified confirmation of compliance, including supporting documentation, may be sent overnight mail, regular mail, e-mail, facsimile, or be hand-delivered, at the discretion of the Custodian, as long as the GRC physically receives it by the deadline.

⁴ "I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment."