



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

Scott Madlinger
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2024-99

v.

Berkeley Township Police Department (Ocean)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Joyce Settembrino
Request Received by Custodian: April 3, 2024
GRC Complaint Received: April 16, 2024

Order: The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of three (3) responsive e-mails to or from employee David Johnston to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that the records were lawfully redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1. Said e-mails are dated March 12, 2024, March 15, 2024 and March 28, 2024. 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 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 that the records provided are the records requested by the Council for the *in camera* inspection.

Effective Date of Disposition: October 6, 2025

Prepared By: John E. Stewart

Date: September 29, 2025

Distribution Date: October 7, 2025

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."