

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
Request for Access to Government Records

This document is the official "Request for Access to Government Records" form of the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender (NJOPD). Please complete all fields that apply to the records you are seeking from NJOPD. Then, in accordance with the Open Public Records Act, please submit this request, either by e-mail, by hand, or by post to Prescott Loveland, NJOPD OPRA Records Custodian. For requests by e-mail, the address is prescott.loveland@opd.nj.gov. For requests by hand, the address is: 25 Market Street, 2nd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625. For requests by post mail, the address is: NJ Office of the Public Defender, PO Box 850, Trenton, NJ 08625. Upon your receipt of this completed form from the NJ Office of the Public Defender, please sign and return it to acknowledge receipt.

Requestor Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

Description of records sought:

Number of copies needed of each page: _____

Response from the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender

Permission to review the records sought has been granted.

Permission to view the records sought has been denied based on the following exemptions to the Open Public Records Act:

Requests for access to or for a copy of NJOPD records should be submitted on this form, which has been adopted by the NJOPD custodian of records. Some records may be available immediately during business hours. Some records will take time to compile and copy, but they will normally be available during business hours and within seven business days. If the information is not a government record or is exempt from disclosure or cannot be provided within seven business days, you will be notified of that fact.

There is no fee involved in inspecting documents during regular business hours unless the retrieval of such documents requires an extraordinary amount of time and effort to accommodate the request. Except as otherwise provided for by law or regulation, the fees assessed for copying a printed NJOPD record shall be: \$0.05 per letter size page or smaller, and \$0.07 per legal size page or larger. Where a request is made to provide the document in a format other than a photocopy, the cost will be based on expenses incurred in producing the requested format.

Where a legal determination must be made as to whether records are government records or are exempted from disclosure under law, the request will be reviewed by NJOPD. The Requestor has the right to challenge a decision denying access by filing an appeal to the Government Records Council.

The Requestor hereby acknowledges receipt of the copy of this form, with the date on which the information is expected to be available and the estimated cost. The Requestor hereby certifies that he or she has not been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of this State, any other state, or the United States and is not seeking government records containing personal information pertaining to the victim or the victim's family, as provided by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-2.2.

The information requested will be ready on: _____

Estimated number of pages: _____

Estimated Cost: _____

Requestor Signature

Custodian of Records Signature

Date

Date