



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

Aakash Dalal
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2022-55

v.

New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety,
Division of Criminal Justice
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Lt. Edward Augustyn
Request Received by Custodian: March 3, 2020
GRC Complaint Received: March 4, 2022

Order: The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of all responsive e-mail correspondence to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that those records were exempt under the criminal investigatory records exemption, and the deliberative process privilege. 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 deliver to the Council in a sealed envelope nine (9) copies of the requested unredacted record(s), nine (9) copies of the redacted records, and a document or redaction index.

This is an Administrative Order requiring compliance within ten (10) business days after receipt thereof. The Custodian shall also simultaneously deliver certified confirmation of compliance with this Order, in accordance with N.J. Court Rules, R. 1:4-4, to the Executive Director that the records provided are the records requested by the Council for the *in camera* inspection.

Effective Date of Disposition: June 25, 2024

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