State of New Jersey Government Records Request Receipt

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Request Date: June 6, 2016

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$.00

Email

Request Number: C109936

Request Status: Denied Closed

Ready Date:

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Records Custodian

MVC

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Status of Your Request

Your request for government records (# C109936) from the Motor Vehicle Commission has been reviewed and has been Denied Closed. Detailed information as to the availability of the documents you requested appear below and on following pages as necessary.

The cost and any balance due for this request is shown to the right. Any balance due must be paid in full prior to the release / mailing of the documents.

If you have any questions related to the disposition of this request please contact the Custodian of Records for the Motor Vehicle Commission. The contact information is in the column to the right. Please reference your request number in any contact or correspondence.

Cost Information

Total Cost:

\$0.00

Deposit:

\$0.00

Total Amount Paid:

\$0.00

Balance Due:

\$0.00

Document Detail

Div	Doc#	Doc Name	Redaction Req	Pages	Legal Size	Electronic Media	Other Cost
KLA	0001	The number of driver's licenses that have been suspended for non-driving related drug offenses under N.J. Stat. 39:5-30.13 for the past 3 years (fiscal or calendar) for which you have data available. 	N		N	N	
		Denial: 10.Exception by Case Law (specify) See MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 549 (App. Div. 2005).					

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June 6, 2016

Dear Ms. Walsh:

This office is in receipt of your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") dated April 12, 2016, wherein you seek disclosure of certain Motor Vehicle Commission ("MVC") record information.

Please be advised that your request constitutes a request for information, not a request for a specific identifiable record. "OPRA requires a party requesting access to a public record to specifically describe the document a public agency has on file." Gannett N.J. Partners, L.P. v. County of Middlesex, 379 N.J. Super. 205, 212 (App. Div. 2005). OPRA does not consider "[w]holesale requests for general information . . ." See MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 549 (App. Div. 2005). Specificity in the request is required so that the records may be reasonably identified within the short time frame in which government custodians must respond. Bent v. Twp. of Stafford Police Dep't, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 36-37 (App. Div. 2005).

Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance.

Very truly yours, Joseph F. Bruno MVC Custodian of Records Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

Your request for government records (# C109936) is as follows:

Pursuant to N.J. Stat. Ann. Secs. 47:1A-1 to 47:1A-13 I write to request records that would contain:

The number of driver's licenses that have been suspended for non-driving related drug offenses under N.J. Stat. 39:5-30.13 for the past 3 years (fiscal or calendar) for which you have data available.

Please see attached example. I do not need any personal information so feel free to redact any names, driver's license or identification numbers, or any other individual information. I am only interested in the total numbers.

If the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodians' name and address or email address.

I would prefer the information in a pdf format but would accept paper or other electronic formats. I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$50. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

By way of backround, Prison Policy Initiative is a national nonprofit that specializes in criminal justice research (tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501 (C)(3). Due to the public-interest focus of our work, and the complete lack of any profit motive, we respectfully ask that any fee for this document request be waived.

If you choose to deny any part of this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

As provided by the open public records law, I will expect your response within seven (7) business days. See N.J. Stat. Ann. Sec. 47:1A-5(i