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**VIA EMAIL COMMUNICATION**

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Re: OPRA Request 2024-00092

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

I am writing in response to your request submitted pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”) and received by the City on January 22, 2024. The seven-business day deadline to respond to your request is January 31, 2024. On January 29, 2024 the City advised that an extension was needed and provided a new deadline of February 12, 2024. As such, the City is timely responding to your request in accordance with New Jersey law.

Your OPRA request is set forth below:

*All records and documents held by Summit Police Department regarding a Tesla crash that occurred on May 19, 2022. According to media reports the crash happened on Route 24 at milepost 9 in Summit, NJ at around 2:00pm. David M. Baum, 57, was the driver of the Tesla and was pronounced dead at the scene.*

*The records requested include but is not limited to:*

- *Incident report*
- *Investigative records (interview transcripts, scene models)*
- *CAD report*
- *All video and audio recordings (dash cam, body cam, mobile video, interviews, video of the scene)*
- *All photos*
- *Radio dispatch recordings*
- *911 calls*
- *After action reports*

*I request that the records I seek be provided in electronic format.*

*In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a journalist with Scripps News, I request this information for news gathering purposes. Scripps News is a national news network and a subsidiary of the E.W. Scripps company. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.*

*The New Jersey Open Public Records Act requires a response time of seven business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.*

*If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$20. Should you deny my request, or any part of the request, please state in writing the basis for the denial, including the exact statutory citation authorizing the denial.*

*The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.*

*In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.*

*Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 7 business days, as the statute requires.*

The City requires additional time to compile, review, and redact (if necessary) the records that may be responsive to your request. The City anticipates finalizing your request by February 20, 2024. The City also reserves the right to request an additional extension of time if necessary. See Scheeler v. New Jersey Department of Educ., GRC Complaint No. 2014-123 (2016).

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemary Licatese".

Rosemary Licatese, City Clerk