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Request Date: December 2, 2019

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$25.00

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Request Number: W153139

Request Status: Denied Closed

Ready Date:

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By

*David Ben-David***Status of Your Request**

Your request for government records (# W153139) from the Division of Gaming Enforcement 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 Division of Gaming Enforcement. 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
GE	0001	All Division of Gaming Enforcement records pertaining to VYACHESLAV IVANKOV, alias "YAPONCHIK," a deceased person. Denial: 39.Improper and Overbroad ---	N		N	N	

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On December 2, 2019, you filed OPRA request # W153139 with the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) for all DGE records pertaining to Vyacheslav Ivankov, alias "Yaponchik," whom you assert was a patron at several Atlantic City casinos in a time period between 1992 and 1995.

The DGE has reviewed your request and must deny it as overbroad and improper. OPRA does not countenance open-ended demands "for every document a public agency has on file" or "[w]holesale requests for general information to be analyzed, collated and compiled by the responding government entity." *MAG Entm't v. Alcoholic Beverage Control*, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 549 (App. Div. 2005); *Bent v. Stafford Police Dep't*, 381 N.J. Super. 30 (App. Div. 2005). Furthermore, OPRA "is not intended as a research tool litigants may use to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information." *Lagerkvist v. Office of the Governor of N.J.*, 443 N.J. Super. 230, 236 (App. Div. 2015) (quoting *MAG Entm't*). Under OPRA, "agencies are only obligated to disclose identifiable government records." *Burke v. Brandes*, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 174 (App. Div. 2012), citing *MAG Entm't*, supra, 375 N.J. Super. at 549. "OPRA requires a party requesting access to a public record to specifically describe the document sought," *Gannett New Jersey Partners, L.P. v. County of Middlesex*, 379 N.J. Super. 205, 212 (App. Div. 2005) so that the records may be readily and reasonably identified within the short period of time within which government custodians must respond. *Bent*, supra, 381 N.J. Super. at 36-37. Nothing in OPRA requires a custodian to conduct research among its records and correlate data from various government records in the custodian's possession. *Lagerkvist v. Office of the Governor*, 440 N.J. Super. 230 (App. Div. 2015). In addition, the DGE notes that in the event your request sought access to specific records related to these matters, based on the 1992 to 1995 general timeframe, if such records existed it is likely they may have been destroyed in accordance with the DGE records retention schedule established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69-4.4.

Your request for any records which may be in the DGE's files regarding Vyacheslav Ivankov is overbroad and improper and is therefore denied, as the request does not seek access to specific, identifiable records.

Sincerely,
Sara Ben-David
DGE Custodian of Records

Your request for government records (# W153139) is as follows:

To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: All Division of Gaming Enforcement records pertaining to VYACHESLAV IVANKOV, alias "YAPONCHIK," a deceased person. Upon information and belief, the Division of Gaming Enforcement gathered information regarding Ivankov's activities as a patron at several Atlantic City casinos in a time period between 1992 and 1995. To assist in a records search, the following information is known about Ivankov: Full name: VYACHESLAV KIRILLOV IVANKOV Name in Russian/Cyrillic alphabet: Вячесла́вКири́лловичИванько́в Date of Birth: 2/1940 First 5 digits of SSN: 088-80 American residence in Brooklyn, NY Date of Death: 10/2009 Ivankov is known to be deceased as of 2009; please see attached PDF. By definition Ivankov has no privacy concerns, nor are there any ongoing investigations. 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 20 business days, as the statute requires. Sincerely, T. McElwee Attachments: https://cdn.muckrock.com/outbound_composer_attachments/LXHXZZTVENTLKU/77892/Vyacheslav20Ivankov2C20at20693B20ran20of20thieves20in20Soviet20Union20-20The.pdf Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.comhttps://accounts.muckrock.com/accounts/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.muckrock.com%2Faccounts%2Flogin%2F%3Fnext%3D%252Faccounts%252Fagency_login%252Fnew-jersey-department-of-law-and-public-safety-division-of-gaming-enforcement-19239%252Frecords-regarding-a-deceased-casino-patron-83963%252F%253F&url_auth_token=AABpgOtiBs7INoOB5Dyyk95WznE%3A1ib0LS%3A29kSLuEPSNNidhEnnJLOC9St23g