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Re: OPRA Request 0509-18

Dear Ms. Nason:

I am in receipt of your recent OPRA request, whereby you requested the following:

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all statistics, data, reports, audits, policies, and procedures pertaining to the following items regarding sexual assault evidence collection (SAEC) kits (also known as "rape kits") and processing:

- all standard operation procedures regarding the SAEC process
- any written policies or procedures regarding department practices on the acquisition of or handling of rape kit evidence, including protocols for its collection, testing, and delegation and transfer to all other possibly relevant locations, laboratories, or agencies
- the number of kits collected and booked into evidence from the period January 1, 2000 through the date this request is processed

- the number of kits that have been processed by a public or private crime or forensic laboratory or equivalent processing locating from the period January 1, 2000 through the date this request is processed
- the number of unprocessed kits in any storage facilities currently under the department's jurisdiction and control, including those held by medical personnel or at external laboratory locations
- any materials regard the status or ultimate disposition of cases in which a kit was collected. Please include all available segregable data.
- all audits involving this agency regarding the collection or backlog of SAEC kits
- all proposed alterations or yet-to-be-implemented changes to the policies and procedures regarding the collection, testing, and use of SAEC kits.

Please be advised that a search of our files indicates that there are no documents or records made, maintained or kept on file by the County of Burlington responsive to your request. This concludes this office's processing of your request. Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

JASON P. TOSCHES

Custodian of Public Records

Burlington County