July 6, 2012

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS
Office of The Attorney General
Records Custodian
25 South Market Street, 3rd Fl.
Trenton NJ 08625

Re: OPRA Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is submitted in conjunction with the enclosed New Jersey Government Records Request Form. If the fee for collecting the records requested will exceed the $50.00 specified on the form, please contact me.

This request relates to the Attorney General’s News Release of May 24, 2012 (News Release), a copy of which is enclosed. I would like the following records, as defined by NJSA 47:1A-1.1:

1. All records collected and/or created as part of the “fact-finding review” of intelligence-gathering conducted by the New York Police Department (NYPD) in New Jersey, including but not limited to all records reflecting communications with the NYPD, such as emails, audio recordings, notes of telephone and other communications, and memos;

2. All records upon which the Office of the Attorney General relied for its determination that the NYPD’s activities in the state did not violate New Jersey’s civil or criminal laws;

3. All records reflecting the Office of the Attorney General’s determination that the NYPD’s activities in the state did not violate New Jersey’s civil or criminal laws;
4. The agreement with the NYPD referenced in the News Release and any new protocols or procedures promulgated pursuant to the agreement;

5. The "formalized notification protocols" referenced in the News Release;

6. All records reflecting (1) the selection criteria for the "Muslim outreach committee" referenced in the News Release and (2) communications inside and outside your office regarding that committee.

I would like to receive records responsive to this request in electronic format. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Glenn Katon

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New Jersey Government Records Request Form
May 24, 2012 News Release
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New Jersey Office of the Attorney General • Department of Law and Public Safety

Important Notice
The second page of this form contains important information related to your rights to access government records. Please read it carefully. In addition, please note that:
1) At the present time we cannot accept credit cards for payment; 2) Our Web site www.nj.gov/oag/opra provides

Requestor Information
See page 2 for Important Information. Please Print

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Preferred Delivery Method: □ Pick Up □ US Mail □ On-Site Review [x] E-mail

Under Penalty of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-3, I certify that I [ ] HAVE [x] HAVE NOT been convicted of an indicable offense under the laws of the State of New Jersey, or any other state, or the United States. (Please check one)

Signature: [Signature]
Date: 7/6/12

Payment Method and Authorization
Select Payment Method:
□ Cash
[x] Check
□ Money Order

Maximum Authorized Cost:
$50.00

Duplication Fees:
Letter (8.5"x11") $0.05 each
Legal (8.5"x11") $0.07 each

Electronic Records shall be provided free-of-charge but, you may be charged for cost of media, programming, clerical, supervisory assistance and/or substantial use of information technology.

Record Request Information
See page 2 for Important Information. To expedite your request be as specific as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Please see enclosed correspondence.

Submit Your Request

Via US Mail:
Your completed form may be mailed to the appropriate records custodian. See page 2 for address information.
Mark your envelope:
Attention: Records Custodian

Via Hand Delivery:
Your completed form may be hand delivered to the appropriate records custodian. See page 2 for address information.

Via the Internet:
You may complete and submit an electronic version of this form on the internet at:
www.nj.gov/oag/opra

TRENTON – Attorney General Jeffrey S. Chiesa announced today that his office has taken steps to improve law enforcement coordination and address concerns expressed by Muslim community leaders following a three-month fact-finding review of intelligence-gathering conducted by the New York Police Department (NYPD) in New Jersey. The fact-finding review, which is ongoing, has revealed no evidence to date that NYPD’s activities in the state violated New Jersey civil or criminal laws.

Among the steps taken by the Office of the Attorney General are the following:

- An agreement has been reached to strengthen the lines of communication with NYPD concerning investigative activities in New Jersey related to counter-terrorism. New Jersey law enforcement officials will meet with NYPD on a regular basis to exchange information regarding counter-terrorism intelligence and operations.
- Effective immediately, by virtue of an Attorney General’s Directive issued today, New Jersey law enforcement agencies have formalized notification protocols to follow when they learn of law enforcement activity being conducted by out-of-state police agencies within their jurisdictions. For counter-terrorism-related matters, the Directive establishes reporting protocols to designated personnel at the New Jersey State Police Counter-Terrorism Bureau and the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, for further coordination with the Joint Terrorism Task Force headed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- The Attorney General’s Office will establish a Muslim outreach committee in order to enhance communication and encourage a greater understanding regarding issues of importance to both law enforcement and the Muslim community.

The fact-finding review conducted by the Office of the Attorney General included gathering information from individuals within the ranks of law enforcement in New Jersey, New York, and other states, as well as from civilians within the Muslim and other communities in New Jersey. The Office of the Attorney General will continue to receive and assess information relevant to the conduct at issue and cooperate with any other state or federal law enforcement agencies engaged in reviewing those matters.
Attorney General Chiesa announced the results of the fact-finding review to date after meeting earlier today with leaders from New Jersey’s Muslim community at the Hughes Justice Complex in Trenton. The Attorney General explained that while, as a routine matter, law enforcement in New Jersey effectively coordinates operations to de-conflict and ensure operational safety with out-of-state law enforcement agencies, the Directive issued today will bring consistency to those reporting mechanisms based on the nature and scope of the underlying law enforcement activity. He also indicated that the Directive, as well as regular meetings with the NYPD, will enable better, and more immediate, coordination of information for purposes of conducting counter-terrorism operations.

Recognizing the unique challenges of counter-terrorism intelligence gathering and investigations, while understanding the need to safeguard the public’s confidence in law enforcement’s respect for fundamental civil liberties, Attorney General Chiesa said, “We remain committed to striking the appropriate balance of ensuring the safety of our citizens through vigilance in fighting terrorism, while not undermining the public’s confidence in how we approach that mission.”

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