

State of New Jersey  
 Government Records Request  
 Receipt

**Requestor Information**

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Request Date: January 4, 2021  
 Maximum Authorized Cost: \$25.00  
 Email

Request Number: W167477  
 Request Status: Denied Closed  
 Ready Date:

Custodian Contact Information  
 Office of the Attorney General  
 Records Custodian  
 PO Box 081  
 25 Market Street - 3rd Floor West  
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By \_\_\_\_\_

**Status of Your Request**

Your request for government records (# W167477) from the Office of the Attorney General 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 Office of the Attorney General. 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
OAG	001	Copies of any notices of potential legal action (such as an intent to sue letter), formal legal complaints, or comparable documents sent to the attorney general's office regarding cases of alleged misidentification by law enforcement facial recognition technology since Jan. 1, 2018.	N		N	N	
Denial: 01.Not Made, Maintained, Filed or Received by Division ---							

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OAG	002	2) Any responses from the attorney general's office or settlement documents relating to cases responsive to the above aspect of this request.	N		N	N	
Denial: 01.Not Made, Maintained, Filed or Received by Division ---							
OAG	003	3) A list or comparable document detailing each false arrest lawsuit brought against law enforcement depts. represented by your agency since 1/1/18, including plaintiff's & defendant's name, docket#, date filed, date settled/closed, settlement amount, & any other details available	N		N	N	
Denial: 01.Not Made, Maintained, Filed or Received by Division ---							

The Department of Law & Public Safety (L&PS), Office of the Attorney General (OAG), is in receipt of your request for: "1) Copies of any notices of potential legal action (such as an intent to sue letter), formal legal complaints, or comparable documents sent to the attorney general's office regarding cases of alleged misidentification by law enforcement facial recognition technology since Jan. 1, 2018. In the event the department does not have the record-keeping ability to locate cases relating to a category such as false identifications/arrests, I ask that you inquire with department employees who would be knowledgeable about such cases in order to identify responsive documents.

2) Any responses from the attorney general's office or settlement documents relating to cases responsive to the above aspect of this request.

3) A list, database, spreadsheet, or comparable document detailing each false arrest lawsuit brought against the law enforcement department(s) represented by your agency since Jan. 1, 2018, including, where available, the name of the plaintiff, the name of the defendant, the court docket number, date filed, date settled/closed, settlement amount, and any other details available through the department's case management system."

I have been advised that Notice of Claims received by this office are forwarded to the attention of the Division of Law, a separate division within L&PS. Additionally, any responsive records for Items 2 & 3 of your request, to the extent that they may exist, would also be within the possession of the Division of Law as this is the division tasked with providing legal representation to state entities. You may therefore wish to refile your request directly with DOL via the online portal at [https://www-njlib.state.nj.us/NJ\\_OPRA/department.jsp](https://www-njlib.state.nj.us/NJ_OPRA/department.jsp). As the records are not maintained by OAG, your request is denied and closed.

Sincerely,  
 Ivonnely Colon-Fung  
 OAG Custodian of Records

Your request for government records (# W167477) is as follows:

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To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records: 1) Copies of any notices of potential legal action (such as an intent to sue letter), formal legal complaints, or comparable documents sent to the attorney general's office regarding cases of alleged misidentification by law enforcement facial recognition technology since Jan. 1, 2018. In the event the department does not have the record-keeping ability to locate cases relating to a category such as false identifications/arrests, I ask that you inquire with department employees who would be knowledgeable about such cases in order to identify responsive documents. 2) Any responses from the attorney general's office or settlement documents relating to cases responsive to the above aspect of this request. 3) A list, database, spreadsheet, or comparable document detailing each false arrest lawsuit brought against the law enforcement department(s) represented by your agency since Jan. 1, 2018, including, where available, the name of the plaintiff, the name of the defendant, the court docket number, date filed, date settled/closed, settlement amount, and any other details available through the department's case management system. I'm happy to discuss any aspect of this request, should further clarification be helpful. I ask that all fees be waived as I am a journalist and I intend to use the requested records to publish articles in the public interest and not for any commercial purpose. 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. Sincerely, Todd Feathers Upload documents directly:

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