

State of New Jersey  
 Government Records Request  
 Receipt

**Requestor Information**

Mark P Cheeseman  
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Request Date: November 29, 2018  
 Maximum Authorized Cost: \$25.00  
 Email

Request Number: W139606  
 Request Status: Filled Closed  
 Ready Date:  
 Custodian Contact Information  
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 By \_\_\_\_\_

**Status of Your Request**

Your request for government records (# W139606) from the Division of State Police has been reviewed and has been Filled 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 State Police. 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
SP	01	Request number of permits to carry a handgun issued in NJ for years 2016 and 2017. Also Request number of Firearms ID cards issued for 2016 and 2017.	N		N	N	
		Denial: 39.Improper and Overbroad ---					

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Mr. Cheeseman,

The Division of State Police is in receipt of your OPRA request.

Insofar as this request does not seek access to specific, identifiable records and it would require research it is deemed overbroad and improper. OPRA is a records law, not an "information" law, thus a request solely for information is not covered by OPRA. The Appellate Division wrote in *MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcohol Beverage Control*, 375 N.J. Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005): "Under OPRA, agencies are required to disclose only 'identifiable' governmental records not otherwise exempt. Wholesale requests for general information to be analyzed, collated and compiled by the responding government entity are not encompassed therein. In short, OPRA does not countenance open-ended searches of an agency's files." Also see *Gannett New Jersey Partners, LP v. County of Middlesex*, 379 N.J. Super. 205 (App. Div. 2005): "OPRA requires a party requesting access to a public record to specifically describe the document sought." In *Bent v. Township of Stafford Police Dep't.*, 381 N.J. Super. 30 (App. Div. 2005), the Appellate Division explained that OPRA does not authorize a party to make a blanket request for every document that a public agency has on file. "[A] proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency's documents. OPRA does not authorize unbridled searches of an agency's property." In *New Jersey Builders Association v. COAH*, 390 N.J. Super. 166 (App. Div. 2007), the Appellate Division stated that the requestor's obligation to specifically describe the document sought is essential to a public agency's obligations and ability to provide a prompt response under OPRA and went on to state "[W]hen a request is 'complex' because it fails to specifically identify the documents sought, then that request is not 'encompassed' by OPRA ..."

Notwithstanding our denial above, as a courtesy, the Division of State Police is providing you with the following in reference to your request:

2016: Permit to Carry (PTC) 428. This number reflects armored card, armed guard, and civilian permit to carry issued.

There were 34,869 initial Firearms Purchaser ID cards issued and 13,916 duplicate Firearms Purchaser ID cards issued, bringing total ID cards issued in 2016 to: 48,785.

There were 10,176 Retired Law Enforcement Permit to Carry a Handgun (RPO) issued.

2017: Permit to Carry (PTC) 662. This number reflects armored card, armed guard, and civilian permit to carry issued.

There were 25,223 initial Firearms Purchaser ID cards issued and 12,526 duplicate Firearms Purchaser ID cards issued, bringing total ID cards issued in 2017 to: 37,749.

There were 11,052 Retired Law Enforcement Permit to Carry a Handgun (RPO) issued.

Accordingly, your request is now considered Filled Closed.

DSG Kristina Pados  
New Jersey State Police

Your request for government records (# W139606) is as follows:

Request number of permits to carry a handgun issued in NJ for years 2016 and 2017. Also Request number of Firearms ID cards issued for 2016 and 2017. Thank you