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RE: Oceanport Police: Request for investigation

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To: John Paff <paff@pobox.com>

Wed, Nov 25, 2015 at 12:48 PM

John Paff, Chairman

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Dear Mr. John Paff, Chairman:

Thank you for following up regarding this incident. I did receive your prior email and it was referred over to the Board of Education's Attorney, Armen McOmber. He would then follow up on this incident and decide what action to take, if any. He could be reached at McOmber & McOmber , P.C. 54 Shrewsbury Ave, Red Bank, NJ 07701 [\(732\) 842-6500](tel:732-842-6500). Please have a happy and safe holiday.

Regards,

Detective Greg Lauretta

From: opengovtissues@gmail.com [mailto:opengovtissues@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** John Paff**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 5:01 PM**To:** Lauretta, Gregory A.**Subject:** Re: Oceanport Police: Request for investigation**November 23, 2015**

Detective Gregory A. Lauretta Jr.
Oceanport Police Department

Dear Detective Lauretta:

Some nine months have elapsed since you acknowledged my request for an investigation into a possible violation of N.J.S.A. 47:3-29.

Would you please provide me with an update?

Very truly yours,

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On Wed, Feb 18, 2015 at 2:02 PM, Lauretta, Gregory A. <GLauretta@oceanportpolice.org> wrote:

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Dear Mr. John Paff, Chairman:

This is to inform you that our agency has received your email. We will be reviewing this information with our municipal attorney and with the attorney of the school board of education. If you have any other information that you are able or willing to provide that could assist us, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your information and your time.

Respectfully,

Detective Gregory A. Lauretta Jr.

Oceanport Police Department

From: opengovtissues@gmail.com [mailto:opengovtissues@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** John Paff
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 2:16 AM
To: DETECTIVES
Subject: Oceanport Police: Request for investigation

February 17, 2015

Gregory A. Lauretta Jr., Detective

Oceanport Police Department

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via e-mail only to detectives@oceanportpolice.org

Dear Detective Lauretta:

I write on behalf of the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Open Government Advocacy Project to request that you investigate a possible violation of the Destruction of Public Records Law, N.J.S.A. 47:3-29, which states that any person who "defaces, mutilates or destroys with malicious intent any public record shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor." A "high misdemeanor . . . shall mean crimes of the first, second, or third degree" under the 1978 Criminal Code. N.J.S.A. 2C:1-4.

According to a certification filed by Dennis W. Kotch, Business Administrator of the Oceanport school district (on-line [here](#)), Norma M. Tursi, Kotch's predecessor at the Oceanport school district, ordered that various Board records be shredded despite the fact that "appropriate forms for the destruction of records were not submitted to the New Jersey Division of Asset [sic] and Record Management and that no records of what was destroyed were kept."

Since a "high misdemeanor" equates to a "crime," it would appear that the statute of limitation is 5 years. N.J.S.A. 2C:1-6(b)(1). Since Ms. Tursi's alleged offense occurred "approximately two years ago," her alleged offense is within the statute of limitations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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