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Police Dashcam Videos Releasable as Public Records, Court Rules

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A New Jersey appeals court has ruled that police video recordings taken from dashboard cameras are documents that must be released under the state's Open Public Records Act.

In a divided ruling, the two-judge Appellate Division majority said on June 30 that the recordings should not be afforded the privilege of being protected by the ongoing criminal investigation privilege.

Appellate Division Judge John Kennedy, joined by Judge Jose Fuentes, affirmed a decision by Ocean County Superior Court Judge Vincent Grasso to make public the Tuckerton Police Department dashcam recording at the request of open-government activist John Paff.

Appellate Division Judge Robert Gilson dissented, saying that the recordings should be considered records of criminal investigations.

The divided ruling in a published decision means that the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, or the state, which participated as amicus, is guaranteed a review by the state Supreme Court.

Full story to be posted later today.

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