



**NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL**  
**Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request Not Within the Council’s**  
**Jurisdiction to Adjudicate**

**GRC Complaint No.:** 2013-241

**Complainant:** Kareem Prunty

**Public Agency:** Union Vicinage – Criminal Division<sup>1</sup>

**Custodian of Record:** Sgt. Michael Manochio<sup>2</sup>

**Date of Request:** January 3, 2013

**Date of Complaint:** August 28, 2013

**Complaint Disposition:**<sup>3</sup> The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on January 3, 2013. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over a records request made of the Union Vicinage – Criminal Division, as it falls under the Judicial Branch of Government. Inquiries concerning Judiciary records may be address to:

Administrative Directors of the Courts  
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex  
P.O. Box 037  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0037

**Applicable OPRA Provision:** “The council shall not have jurisdiction over the Judicial or Legislative Branches of State Government or any agency, officer, or employee of those branches.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7(g).

**Effective Date of Disposition:** October 29, 2013

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Date: October 22, 2013

<sup>1</sup> The Complainant’s Denial of Access lists the custodial agency as the “Union County Law Division.”

<sup>2</sup> The Complainant’s Denial of Access lists Sgt. Manochio as the Custodian of Record. Sgt. Manochio, however, is the Custodian for the Union County Prosecutor’s Office (“UCPO”).

<sup>3</sup> The Complainant contests the alleged denial of access to records he sought from the Union County Superior Court Criminal Records Division. The Complainant sent the GRC a New Jersey Judiciary Records Request Form previously submitted to the Union County Superior Court Clerk’s Office. The Complainant also states that his brother requested documents from Sgt. Manochio. The UCPO has certified that the Complainant’s brother verbally requested documents from Sgt. Manochio without referencing the Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”). The Complainant submitted no evidence that he made a valid request under OPRA.