



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – Invalid OPRA Request

Carol Scutro
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2016-210

v.

County of Union
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Mark Spivey
Request Received by Custodian: N/A
GRC Complaint Received: July 25, 2016

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant did not provide a copy of her July 7, 2016 request in her Denial of Access Complaint. Notwithstanding, the Complainant stated that her request was for the Custodian to comply with a previous OPRA request dated May 25, 2016. Based upon the Complainant’s description, the July 7, 2016 request is not a valid OPRA request.

Applicable OPRA Provision: OPRA provides that: “A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor, may institute a proceeding to challenge the custodian's decision by. . . [filing] a complaint with the Government Records Council established pursuant to [OPRA].” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

“[t]he Government Records Council shall . . . receive, hear, review and adjudicate a complaint filed by any person concerning a denial of access to a government record by a record custodian . . .” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7(b) (emphasis added).

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk’s Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.

Effective Date of Disposition: October 30, 2018

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