



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Records Responsive to the Request Exist

Aaron Lightner
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2019-28

v.

New Jersey Department of Treasury,
Division of Lottery
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Jill Dawson
Request Received by Custodian: June 20, 2016
GRC Complaint Received: February 7, 2019

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she responded to the Complainant in writing within the statutorily mandated response time indicating that no records responsive to the OPRA request exist.¹ Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the evidence of record reflects that no responsive records exist.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "*Government record*" or "*record*" means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business . . ." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

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: April 30, 2019

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso
Acting Executive Director

Date: April 23, 2019

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¹ The Custodian certified that she performed the same search as the prior custodian and was unable to locate any record of the Complainant's alleged winning of a scratch-off game. Further, Deputy Director John M. White certified that the Division of Lottery has never released a scratch-off game valued at \$40,000,000.