

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Records Responsive to the Request Exist

Brian K. Walden, Jr. Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2021-135

v.

New Jersey Department of Corrections Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: John Falvey **Request Received by Custodian:** June 22, 2021 **GRC Complaint Received:** June 24, 2021

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that he responded to the Complainant in writing within the statutorily mandated response time indicating that no records responsive to the OPRA request exist. 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 by any officer, commission, agency or authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate boards thereof, or that has been received in the course of his or its official business by any such officer, commission, agency, or authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate boards thereof." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: September 29, 2022

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