

## NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner

## Ronald Brown Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2021-297

v.

## East Brunswick Police Department (Middlesex) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Nennette Perry Request Received by Custodian: August 24, 2020 GRC Complaint Received: November 17, 2021

**Complaint Disposition:** The Custodian certified that all records responsive to the Complainant's OPRA request were provided to the Complainant within the statutorily mandated response time.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the Custodian timely provided all responsive records.

**Applicable OPRA Provisions:** "A custodian shall promptly comply with a request to inspect, examine, copy, or provide a copy of a government record." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-5(g).

"Unless a shorter time period is otherwise provided by statute, regulation, or executive order, a custodian of a government record shall grant access to a government record . . . as soon as possible, but not later than seven business days after receiving the request, provided that the record is currently available and not in storage or archived." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-5(i).

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: December 14, 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The evidence of record reveals that the OPRA request was received on August 24, 2020. As such, the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) business day was September 2, 2020. Although the Custodian initially denied the request on August 28, 2020, the Custodian realized the denial was a mistake and disclosed the responsive record to the Complainant on September 2, 2020, which was still within the statutorily mandated timeframe for a response.



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