



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner

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Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2021-335

v.

High Bridge Police Department (Hunterdon)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Adam Young
Request Received by Custodian: October 30, 2021
Response Made by Custodian: November 19, 2021
GRC Complaint Received: December 16, 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.¹ 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.²

Applicable OPRA Provision: "A custodian shall promptly comply with a request to inspect, examine, copy, or provide a copy of a government record." N.J.S.A. 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." N.J.S.A. 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 12, 2023

¹ Upon receiving the request, the Custodian sought clarification on what employee records were sought. The Complainant responded, specifying records from the police department. In response, the Custodian provided a payroll record from a retired crossing guard, and further stated that no responsive agreements exist.

² Because the matter is being administratively disposed, the Complainant is not a prevailing party entitled to an attorney fee award.



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