

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely

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Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (on Behalf of African American Data & Research Institute) Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2022-14

v.

Bedminster Township Police Department (Somerset) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Robin Ray Request Received by Custodian: November 10, 2021 Response Made by Custodian: November 23, 2021 GRC Complaint Received: January 20, 2022

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. 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.¹

Applicable OPRA Provision: "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: February 27, 2024

Prepared By: Samuel A. Rosado Staff Attorney Date: February 20, 2024 Distribution Date: February 29, 2024

¹ Because the matter is being administratively disposed, the Complainant is not a prevailing party entitled to an attorney fee award.