

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Correspondence Received by the Custodian

Kevin Lawrence Conley Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2022-437

v.

County of Essex Custodial Agency

Original Custodian of Record: Olivia Schumann, Esq. Request Received by Custodian: None. GRC Complaint Received: August 22, 2022

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she did not receive a records request from the Complainant dated on or around August 1, 2022.¹ Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Therefore, this complaint is without any reasonable factual basis to pursue and shall be dismissed.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "A request for access to a government record shall be in writing and hand-delivered, mailed, transmitted electronically, or otherwise conveyed to the appropriate custodian." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-5(g).

"The council shall make a determination as to whether the complaint is within its jurisdiction or frivolous or *without any reasonable factual basis.*" <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-7(e) (emphasis added).

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: March 25, 2025

Prepared By: Maria M. Rossi Staff Attorney

Date: March 18, 2025

Distribution Date: March 27, 2025

¹ In response to a request for additional information from the GRC, Chief Clerk Nicholas Romano of the Essex County Clerk's Office, which the Complainant identified as the location he sent his OPRA request, certified that his office also did not receive the subject OPRA request.