



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – Unable to Locate Complainant

Miguel Ramos
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2022-531

v.

NJ Department of Corrections
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: John Falvey
Request Received by Custodian: August 25, 2022
GRC Complaint Received: September 29, 2022

Complaint Disposition: Although the Custodian has already submitted a Statement of Information, in order to prevent the unnecessary expenditure of administrative resources by the GRC to process this matter for the benefit of the parties, said complaint should be dismissed because the GRC cannot contact the Complainant¹ and because they have made no attempt to contact the GRC regarding this complaint. See Swindell v. N.J. Dep’t of Env’tl. Prot. and Energy, Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Enforcement, OAL Docket No. ESA 5675-92 (Initial Decision 1993) (dismissing a complaint for failure to appear); Siddeeq v. N.J. Dep’t of Corr., GRC Complaint No. 2009-182, *et seq.* (November 2009).

Applicable OPRA Provision: “The Government Records Council shall . . . receive, hear, review and adjudicate a complaint filed by any person concerning a denial of access to a government record by a record custodian . . .” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7(b) (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: January 27, 2026

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Executive Director

Date: January 20, 2026²
Distribution Date: January 29, 2026

¹ The GRC attempted to contact the Complainant via US mail at the United States Penitentiary Canaan, Waymart, PA, the Complainant’s last known address, on December 26, 2024, without success. The GRC also conducted Pennsylvania and New Jersey inmate searches on February 13, 2025, both of which failed to identify Complainant’s current location.

² This complaint was prepared for adjudication at the Council’s March 25, 2025 meeting, but could not be adjudicated due to lack of quorum.