

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition - No Record Responsive to the Request Exists

Scott Madlinger Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2022-572

v.

Lacey Township Police Department (Ocean) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Veronica Laureigh

Request Received by Custodian: October 11, 2022 GRC Complaint Received: October 11, 2022

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she responded to the Complainant in writing within the statutorily mandated response time indicating that no record responsive to the OPRA request exists. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the evidence of record reflects that no responsive record exists.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "Government record' or 'record' means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business . . ." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

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: November 8, 2023

Prepared By: John E. Stewart

Date: October 31, 2023

Distribution Date: November 9, 2023

¹ Several records were disclosed to the Complainant, and the only remaining record at issue was a record revealing the reason for an employee's separation from employment.