

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

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

Abussamaa Rasul Ramziddin Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2023-231

v.

Township of Lawrence (Mercer) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Tonya Carter

Request Received by Custodian: August 2, 2023 GRC Complaint Received: September 25, 2023

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that Lt. Whitmore disclosed all records responsive (without redactions) to the subject OPRA request to the Complainant via Axon link¹ within the statutorily mandated response time and included supporting documentation. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification.² Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the Custodian timely provided all responsive records.

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: August 26, 2025

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso Date: August 19, 2025

Executive Director Distribution Date: August 28, 2025

¹ The Complainant sought additional records that he did not raise as at issue in this complaint.

² The GRC has no authority to address any of the Complainant's arguments regarding discovery violations and the accuracy or content of an accident report. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7; Mid-Atlantic Recycling Tech. v. City of Vineland, 222 F.R.D. 81 (D.N.J. 2004); Kwanzaa v. Dep't of Corr., GRC Complaint No. 2004-167 (March 2005).