

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

Tyrell Hicks Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2023-43

v.

Franklin Township Police Department (Somerset) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Vincent Wilson

Request Received by Custodian: February 1, 2023 **GRC Complaint Received:** February 27, 2023

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 Envtl. 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: May 20, 2025

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Date: May 13, 2025 **Distribution Date: May 22, 2025**

¹ The GRC attempted to contact the Complainant via US mail at the Complainant's last known address on multiple dates, including most recently on March 27, 2025, without success. The Complainant's last known telephone number is "restricted" or "inactive." The GRC conducted a New Jersey inmate search on April 14, 2025, which failed to identify Complainant's current location.