

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – Motion to File Within Time Denied

Nalda M. Pineiro Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2025-160

v.

Perth Amboy Police Department (Middlesex) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Bruni Lugo

Request Received by Custodian: February 19, 2025

GRC Complaint Received: June 26, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant verified the instant complaint on June 4, 2025, alleging she was denied access to her OPRA request on April 30, 2025, or thirty-five (35) days prior. The Complainant asserted that in good faith, she contacted the Perth Amboy Police Department on April 30, 2025 and that the statute of limitations should be calculated from that date. However, as the Complainant's OPRA request was originally submitted to the Custodian on February 19, 2025, a "deemed" denial of access occurred on March 3, 2025, or the eighth (8th) business day after receipt. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i)(1). Therefore, the Complainant's argument that the statute of limitations should begin on April 30, 2025, is misplaced as the "deemed" denial of access occurred on March 3, 2025, or one hundred-fifteen (115) days prior to filing the instant complaint. Thus, the Complainant failed to show good cause to permit the complaint to proceed out of time. Therefore, this complaint shall be dismissed.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor who is accurately identified by name, may, within 45 days of the date of denial . . . file a complaint with the Government Records Council" N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

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

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