



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

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

Dawmeen Fitzgerald
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2025-323

v.

NJ Department of Corrections
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: John Falvey
Request Received by Custodian: September 9, 2025
GRC Complaint Received: October 27, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that all records responsive to the subject OPRA request were provided to the Complainant within the statutorily mandated response time. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the Custodian timely provided all responsive records.¹

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: January 27, 2026

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¹ The Complainant appears to argue the veracity of the records in his Denial of Access Complaint and did not contend that an unlawful denial occurred. It should be noted that the GRC generally has no authority over the content or veracity of a disclosed record. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7(b); Kwanzaa v. Dep't of Corr., GRC Complaint No. 2004-167 (March 2005); Cole v. Twp. of Montague (Sussex), GRC Complaint No. 2011-236 (December 2012).