



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – Motion to File Within Time Denied

Ricotson R. Dolisca
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2025-425

v.

Township of Irvington (Essex)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Shawna Supel
Request Received by Custodian: July 18, 2025
GRC Complaint Received: December 29, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant verified the instant complaint on December 10, 2025,¹ twenty-one (21) calendar days after the last day of the expiration of the forty-five (45) calendar day statute of limitation, alleging he was denied access to his OPRA request on September 18, 2025. However, the evidence of record indicates that he received a written denial on August 19, 2025. The Complainant asserted in his motion that he was not aware that the statute of limitations was tolling prior to September 18, 2025.² However, the Complainant failed to show his miscalculation represented 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: March 31, 2026

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Distribution Date: April 2, 2026

¹ The GRC received the Complainant’s Denial of Access Complaint, which was verified on October 24, 2025, on November 10, 2025. The GRC twice returned the complaint as incomplete on November 13, and December 4, 2025 respectively because it failed to include a motion to file within time. The Complainant later properly filed a completed complaint on December 29, 2025, including a motion to file within time.

² On January 16, 2026, Custodian’s Counsel submitted a response to the GRC’s request to submit objections to the motion to file within time. Upon review, Counsel did not address the motion in said submission.