



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

Newell Knight
Complainant
v.

GRC Complaint No. 2026-155

NJ Department of Corrections
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: John Falvey
Request Received by Custodian: October 26, 2025
GRC Complaint Received: March 26, 2026

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant verified the instant complaint on December 5, 2025, alleging he was denied access to his OPRA request on November 17, 2025. The Complainant stated he erroneously thought the statute of limitations to file a Denial of Access Complaint with the Government Records Council (“GRC”) began on December 5, 2025, the date of “last correspondence”, not November 17, 2025.¹ However, 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: May 28, 2026

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Date: May 21, 2026²

Distribution Date: June 1, 2026

¹ Even if the alleged denial date was December 5, 2025, the Complainant still failed to meet the forty-five (45) calendar day statute of limitations, which would have expired on January 19, 2026.

² This complaint was originally scheduled for adjudication at the Council's April 28, 2026 meeting; however, it could not be adjudicated due to lack of quorum.