

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Correspondence Received by the Custodian

Nevel Harris Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2023-226

v.

Newark Police Department (Essex) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Kecia Daniels **Request Received by Custodian:** N/A **GRC Complaint Received:** September 18, 2023

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she did not receive a records request from the Complainant dated August 10, 2023, which included searches conducted in the agency's mailroom and providing copies of the agency's policies and procedures for receiving mail from incarcerated individuals. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide sufficient evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Therefore, this complaint is without any reasonable factual basis to pursue and shall be dismissed.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "A request for access to a government record shall be in writing and hand-delivered, mailed, transmitted electronically, or otherwise conveyed to the appropriate custodian." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-5(g).

"The council shall make a determination as to whether the complaint is within its jurisdiction or frivolous or without any reasonable factual basis." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-7(e) (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 21, 2024

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Date: May 14, 2024

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