



**NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL**  
**Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request Made to a Non-public Agency**

**Tyrell L. Hicks**  
**Complainant**

**GRC Complaint No. 2024-166**

v.

**Bravo Supermarkets – New Brunswick (Middlesex)**  
**Custodial Agency**

**Custodian of Record:** N/A

**Request Received by Custodian:** N/A

**GRC Complaint Received:** June 27, 2024

**Complaint Disposition:** The Complainant submitted an OPRA request to an agency that is not a public agency as defined in OPRA. Bravo Supermarket is a grocery store chain established in 1991 and consisting of over 70 locally owned locations from New York to Florida.<sup>1</sup> See Verry v. Franklin Fire Dist. No. 1, 230 N.J. 285 (2017); Samgalski v. PSE&G, GRC Complaint No. 2010-251 (December 2010). Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed.

**Applicable OPRA Provision:** “‘Public agency’ or ‘agency’ means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department; the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency. The terms also mean any political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any independent authority, commission, instrumentality or agency created by a political subdivision or combination of political subdivisions.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 (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:** July 30, 2024

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bravosupermarkets.com/about> (accessed June 27, 2024).