



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Records Responsive to the Request Exist

Bernard J. Meenan, Jr.
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2024-32

v.

Township of Edgewater Park
Police Department (Burlington)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Patricia Clayton
Request Received by Custodian: January 12, 2024
GRC Complaint Received: February 6, 2024

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she responded to the Complainant in writing within the statutorily mandated response time¹ indicating that no records responsive to the OPRA request exist. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian’s certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the evidence of record reflects that no responsive records exist.

Applicable OPRA Provision: “‘Government record’ or ‘record’ means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business . . .” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

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: August 27, 2024

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso
Executive Director

Date: August 20, 2024

Distribution Date: August 29, 2024

¹ The Complainant argued that the Custodian failed to respond to his OPRA request. However, the Custodian provided as part of the Statement of Information her January 24, 2024 response sent via e-mail. This represents the seventh (7th) business day after receipt, not to include January 15, 2024, which was a federal holiday.