



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – Not a Valid OPRA Request

Dmitry Talmazan
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2024-84

v.

Plainsboro Township Police Department (Middlesex)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Carol J. Torres
Request Received by Custodian: N/A
GRC Complaint Received: April 2, 2024

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that the Complainant orally requested records on or about March 26, 2024, which the Complainant confirmed. The Custodian further certified that she responded that same day, denying access. Notwithstanding the Custodian’s response, OPRA is invoked only when a requestor submits a valid OPRA request “in writing.” Thus, the request is invalid under OPRA, and this complaint 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.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g).

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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Staff Attorney

Date: May 14, 2024

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