

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request Not within Council's Jurisdiction to Adjudicate (Request Made to the Judiciary)

Anthony Walker Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2016-9

v.

Essex County Probation Office Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Shazeeda Samusdeen Request Received by Custodian: February 24, 2015; October 27, 2015; December 1, 2015 GRC Complaint Received: January 11, 2016

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on February 24, 2015, October 27, 2015, and December 1, 2015. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made to the Superior Court – Essex County Probation Office, as it falls under the Judicial Branch of government.¹ Inquiries concerning Judiciary records may be addressed to:

Administrative Director of the Courts Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex PO Box 037 Trenton, NJ 08625-0037

Applicable OPRA Provision: "The council shall not have jurisdiction over the Judicial or Legislative Branches of State Government or any agency, officer, or employee of those branches." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-7(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: January 26, 2016

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¹ The Essex County Probation Office is a Division within the Essex County vicinage of the New Jersey Courts (*see* http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/essex/probation/).