

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

Al Khidr Tulu, Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2016-118

v.

New Jersey State Police, Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Thomas Preston **Request Received by Custodian:** N/A **GRC Complaint Received:** April 19, 2016

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certifies that he did not receive an Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request dated February 10, 2016, from the Complainant. The Complainant claimed that he submitted a request to a satellite branch of the custodian agency. In the Custodian's Statement of Information ("SOI"), the Custodian certified that he had no knowledge of the OPRA request until receiving the Denial of Access Complaint. The Custodian noted that all OPRA requests to the New Jersey State Police should be sent to its headquarters in West Trenton, New Jersey. The Complainant has not provided any evidence to rebut the Custodian's SOI and certification. Therefore, the complaint is without any reasonable factual basis to pursue.

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.

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