

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Correspondence Received By the Custodian

Shamsiddin Abdur-Raheem Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2016-292

v.

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Jessica Moses **Request Received by Custodian:** N/A

GRC Complaint Received: November 10, 2016

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she did not receive a request from the Complainant dated September 19, 2016. Additionally, the Complainant has failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Therefore, this 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." N.J.S.A. 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*." N.J.S.A. 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.

Effective Date of Disposition: October 30, 2018

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¹ The OPRA request submitted as part of the complaint did not include a PO Box number for the Trenton address, where the Custodian is located. Such an omission could have reasonably resulted in a delivery failure. Further, the Complainant copied his request to the Newark office, which was not the Custodian's proper address.