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OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

AMENDED FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: August 23, 2016

IN RE: *Jonathan Lee Riches v. American Civil Liberties Union*,
OOR Dkt. AP 2016-1385

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records ("OOR") to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is deficient for the reason(s) specified below. Accordingly, the appeal is **DISMISSED**.

[] Appeal filed beyond fifteen (15) business days of denial/deemed denial.

[] Appeal failed to include a copy of the Request and/or agency Response.

[] Appeal failed to state why records are public records.

[] Appeal failed to address agency grounds for denial of access to records.

[] OOR lacks jurisdiction over agency from which records are sought.

[] OOR lacks jurisdiction over local agency criminal investigative records.

[] Request does not seek records.

[x] Other: The American Civil Liberties Union is not an "agency" subject to the RTKL. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.102 (defining "agency").

Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you may appeal or petition for review to Commonwealth Court. 65 P.S. §§ 67.1301-.1302. All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to court rules as per Section 1303. However, as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party.[1]

Issued by:

/s/ Charles Rees Brown

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Sent to: Requester, American Civil Liberties Union.

[1] *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).