

FINAL DETERMINATION

| IN THE MATTER OF | : | |
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| SHAYNE COFFIELD, | : | |
| Requester | : | |
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| v. | : | Docket No.: AP 2022-1430 |
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| PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, | : | |
| Respondent | : | |

The Office of Open Records ("OOR") received the above-captioned appeal under the Right-to-Know Law ("RTKL"), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 *et seq*. Upon review of the file, the appeal is **dismissed** for the reason explained below.

On June 13, 2022, Shayne Coffield ("Requester"), an inmate at SCI-Somerset, filed an appeal with the OOR, claiming he filed a request ("Request") under the RTKL with the Pennsylvania State Police ("PSP") that was purportedly denied because the PSP determined the records sought in the Request do not exist.

On June 13, 2022, along with the Notice of Appeal that was sent to the parties, the OOR issued an Order notifying the Requester that the appeal was deficient because it failed to include a complete copy of the Request and a complete copy of the PSP's response. The OOR informed the Requester the deficiency must be cured and, pursuant to 65 P.S. § 67.1303(b), a copy of the

Request and the PSP's response must be submitted to the OOR no later than June 27, 2022, or the appeal would be dismissed. To date, the OOR has not received a complete copy of the Request or the PSP's response.

Due to the failure to include a complete copy of the Request or the PSP's response, the record in this appeal is not sufficient. Without these documents, the OOR does not have a complete record upon which to base its determination. Additionally, it would be impossible to present a complete record on appeal to an appellate court as required by Section 1303(b) of the RTKL. As the Requester has failed to comply with the OOR's Order, this appeal is **dismissed**.

The file is now closed and no further action will be taken. This Final Determination is binding on the parties. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, either party may appeal to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.1301(a). 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 of the RTKL. 65 P.S. § 67.1303. 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 This Final Determination shall be placed on the OOR website at: https://openrecords.pa.gov.

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<u>/s/ Lois Lara</u> LOIS LARA, Esq. Appeals Officer

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