

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: September 23, 2022

IN RE: *Tyree Lawson v. Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General*, OOR Dkt. AP 2022-2189

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 **DISMISSED** because:

The OOR lacks jurisdiction. The Attorney General is a Commonwealth agency that is not subject to the jurisdiction of the OOR. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.102; 65 P.S. § 67.503(d)(1). Instead, appeals involving the Attorney General are to be heard by an appeals officer designated by the Attorney General. 65 P.S. § 67.503(d)(1) (“The Attorney General ... shall designate an appeals officer to hear appeals under Chapter 11”).

For this reason, the Attorney General is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you may appeal or petition for review with the Commonwealth Court. 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 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

Issued by:

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