

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: June 14, 2024

IN RE: *Hassan Austin v. Philadelphia County Judicial District*; OOR Dkt. AP 2024-1567

Upon review of the appeals filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket numbers, it is determined that the appeals are **DISMISSED** because:

The OOR lacks jurisdiction. Philadelphia County Judicial District (“District”) is a judicial agency. *Faulk v. Phila. Clerk of Courts*, 116 A.3d 1183 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2015). The OOR does not have jurisdiction over judicial agencies. 65 P.S. §§ 67.503(a)-(b). Case records can be requested from judicial records custodians pursuant to the Unified Judicial System’s Public Access Policy. More information can be found at <http://www.pacourts.us/public-records/public-records>.

For this reason, the District 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 All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to oor-postfd@pa.gov. This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>.

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