



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: May 20, 2026

IN RE: *Jaivon Thomas v. West Chester Borough Police Department*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-1682

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**:

On April 28, 2026, the OOR issued an Order notifying Jaivon Thomas (“Requester”) that the appeal was deficient because it failed to include a complete copy of the Police Department’s response. The OOR informed the Requester that the document was required to cure the deficiency and directed the Requester to file a complete copy of the Police Department’s response by May 12, 2026, pursuant to 65 P.S. § 67.1303(b). However, to date, the Requester has failed to comply with the OOR’s Order. Therefore, the appeal is not sufficient and without this document, the OOR does not have a complete record upon which to base its determination. Additionally, the OOR would be unable 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 matter is **dismissed**.

For this reason, the Police Department is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, either party may appeal or petition for review with the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. 65 P.S. § 67.1302(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, but 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. 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>.¹

Issued by:

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