



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: June 18, 2026

IN RE: *William Maitland, Jr. v. Pennsylvania State Police*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-2044

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, as well as the Pennsylvania State Police (“PSP”) submission, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is premature. The appeal states that the Request was filed on May 13, 2026 and deemed denied on May 20, 2026; however, the PSP’s June 3, 2026 submission indicates that on May 20, 2026, correspondence was sent notifying Requester that it was invoking a thirty day extension to respond to the Request under 65 P.S. § 67.902(b)(2). *See* PSP Submission; May 20, 2026 Correspondence. Because an appeal may only be filed from the denial or deemed denial of a request, and the PSP **invoked an extension to respond to the Request prior to receiving the appeal**, the appeal must be dismissed as premature. 65 P.S. § 67.901.

For this reason, the PSP 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 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, 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.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>.

Issued by:

/s/ Julie Sodl

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