



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: August 28, 2026

IN RE: *James Harris v. Indiana County*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-3223

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 August 10, 2026, the OOR issued an Order notifying James Harris (“Requester”) that the appeal was deficient because it failed to include a complete copy of the County’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 County’s response by August 24, 2026, pursuant to 65 P.S. § 67.1303(b). However, to date, the Requester has failed to comply with the OOR’s Order and, without this document, the OOR lacks sufficient clarity to allow the OOR to adjudicate the matter.¹ 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 County 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 Indiana 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>.²

Issued by:

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¹ On August 13, 2026, the Requester submitted correspondence to the OOR stating that the Request was deemed denied; however, the appeal form alleges the County’s response was issued on August 6, 2026. Additionally, a statement attached to the appeal form purports to summarize the County’s response and the responsive records provided. However, in light of the factual inconsistencies within the appeal documents, without a copy of the County’s final response the OOR is unable to confirm whether the appeal accurately summarizes the County’s response.

² *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).