



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: September 3, 2026

IN RE: *Angel Salada v. Pennsylvania State Police*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-2494

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, as well as the parties’ submissions, the appeal is **DENIED** because:

The records are exempt from disclosure. Section 708(b)(16) of the Right-to-Know Law exempts from disclosure records “relating to or resulting in a criminal investigation, including... [i]nvestigative materials, notes, correspondence, videos and reports...” 65 P.S. § 67.708(b)(16)(ii). Here, the Request seeks records relating to the PSP “stop, detention, arrest, towing, inventory, and impoundment involving [specified individual] occurring on or about April 14, 2026 in Williamstown Borough, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.” On June 22, 2026, the Pennsylvania State Police (“PSP”) submitted a verification, made under the penalty of perjury, from William Rozier, the PSP’s Open Records Officer, who identified PSP General Offense Report No. PA 2026-474175 and its components as the only records responsive to the Request and attests that these records, which were authored by PSP Trooper Conza are a “forty-three-page open and ongoing criminal investigation report regarding an allegation of illegal possession of narcotics and a firearm on April 14, 2026.” *See* Rozier Verification, ¶¶ 7-10; *see also* Snyder Verification ¶¶ 3-9. Based upon this evidence, the PSP demonstrated that the records are exempt from disclosure; therefore, the PSP has met its burden of proof. 65 P.S. § 67.708(a)(1); *see also* *Castillo v. Pa. State Police*, 310 A.3d 831 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2024) (concluding that PSP incident reports are exempt from disclosure under Section 708(b)(16) of the RTKL).

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:

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