



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED: September 15, 2026

IN RE: *Kristen Bruce v. Pennsylvania State Police*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-3626

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’s (“PSP”) submissions,¹ it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is premature. On August 24, 2026, Kristen Burce (“Requester”) submitted a Request to the PSP. On August 31, 2026, the PSP provided notice to invoke a thirty-day extension and has until September 30, 2026, to respond the Request. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.902. On September 1, 2026, the Requester filed this instant appeal. Because the PSP did not have an opportunity to respond to the Request prior to receiving the appeal, the appeal must be **dismissed as premature**. The Requester is not prohibited from filing the Request with the PSP and, if necessary, filing an appeal with the OOR pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1).

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.² 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/ *Damian J. DeStefano*

DAMIAN J. DESTEFANO
APPEALS OFFICER

Sent via OOR E-file appeal portal to: Kristen Bruce; William Rozier, AORO; Colin Hitt, Esq.

¹ On September 3, 2026, the PSP submitted a position statement, along with the extension notice, asserting that it properly invoked a thirty-day extension to respond to the Request. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.902(b).

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