



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: September 22, 2026

IN RE: *Kristen Bruce v. Pennsylvania State Police*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-3527

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 (“Department”) submission, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is premature. The appeal states that the Request was filed on August 18, 2026 and deemed denied on August 25, 2026; however, the evidentiary record establishes that the Department received the Request on August 18, 2026 and timely invoked a thirty-day extension to respond on August 25, 2026. *See* August 25, 2026 Extension Notice.¹ Under the extension, the Department had five business days from August 25, 2026, followed by thirty calendar days, to respond to the Request. 65 P.S. §§ 67.902(b)(1)-(2). The appeal was received by the OOR on August 26, 2026. Because an appeal may only be filed from the denial or deemed denial of a request, and the Department **invoked a timely extension to respond to the Request**, the appeal must be dismissed as premature. 65 P.S. § 67.901.

For this reason, the 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 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/ Julie Sodl

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¹ The Department confirmed that the Extension Notice was sent via first class U.S. Mail on August 25, 2026, which is also reflected in the August 25, 2026 Extension Notice.

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