



FINAL DETERMINATION

IN THE MATTER OF	:
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BENJAMIN LAND,	:
Requester	:
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v.	: Docket No: AP 2026-4399
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HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP,	:
Respondent	:

The Office of Open Records (“OOR”) received the above-captioned appeal under the Right-to-Know Law (“RTKL”), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 *et seq.* For the following reasons, the appeal is dismissed.

On September 18, 2026, Benjamin Land (“Requester”) submitted a request (“Request”) to Haverford Township (“Township”) pursuant to the RTKL, requesting all violation notices issued by the Township between September 7, 2026, and September 18, 2026. On October 7, 2026, the Township denied the Request in full, stating the records were exempt as records relating to a noncriminal investigation. 65. P.S. § 67.708(b)(17).

On October 7, 2026, the Requester filed an appeal with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”), challenging the denial. The OOR invited both parties to supplement the record and directed the Township to notify the OOR if any third parties have a direct interest in this appeal. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(c).

On October 19, 2026, the Township provided the records to the Requester, with redactions of personal identification information as permitted under the RTKL. 65 P.S. § 67.708(b)(6). Therefore, because the Township provided all responsive records to the Requester, the appeal is **dismissed as moot**. See *Chester Water Auth. v. Pa. Dep't of Cmty. & Econ. Dev.*, 249 A.3d 1106, 1114 (Pa. 2021) (finding that a matter was settled by provision of records and, thus, “the controversy has been mooted”).¹

This file is now closed and no further action will be taken. This Final Determination is binding on all parties. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, any party may appeal or petition for review to the Delaware 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.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>.

FINAL DETERMINATION ISSUED AND MAILED: October 29, 2026

/s/ Meryl M. Peterman

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¹ The Requester asks for a finding of bad faith due to the initial denial under Section 708(b)(17) of the RTKL, 65 P.S. § 67.708(b)(17), and the later production of records. The OOR declines to make this finding.

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