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OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: November 2, 2026

IN RE: *Ryan Murphy v. City of Philadelphia Police Department,* OOR Dkt. AP 2026-4660

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** because:

The appeal is premature. On November 2, 2026, the City ("City") of Philadelphia Police Department ("Department") submitted an attestation from Lt. Barry Jacobs ("Jacobs Attestation"), the Agency Open Records Office ("AORO"), wherein he attests that the Department did not receive the Request until October 27, 2026. Jacobs Attestation, ¶¶7, 8. The City also submitted the attestation of Margot B. Smith, Esquire ("Smith Attestation"), Chief Deputy City Solicitor. Ms. Smith attests that the City did not receive the Request until October 27, 2026. Smith Attestation, ¶¶11-13. The appeal was submitted to the OOR on October 19, 2026. The appeal is premature. The Requester is not prohibited from filing a new appeal to the OOR of any denial or deemed denial stemming from the Request, pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1).

For this reason, the City is not required to take any further action on this appeal. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, either party may appeal or petition for review with the Philadelphia 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.[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).