

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: April 14, 2021

IN RE: *Jarvis Mitchell v. Venango County Prothonotary*, OOR Dkt. AP 2021-0764

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 OOR lacks jurisdiction. Venango County Prothonotary (“Prothonotary”) is a judicial agency. The OOR does not have jurisdiction over judicial agencies. 65 P.S. §§ 67.503(a)-(b). Case records can be requested from judicial records custodians pursuant to the Unified Judicial System’s Public Access Policy. More information can be found at <http://www.pacourts.us/public-records/public-records-policies>.

For this reason, the Prothonotary is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you 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. However, 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

Issued by:

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Sent to: Requester; Venango County Prothonotary

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