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In re: James Harrison/Three Forks Regional Jail

Summary: The Three Forks Regional Jail (“the Jail”) violated the Open Records Act (“the Act”), when it failed to respond to a request under the Act.

Open Records Decision

On August 16, 2025, inmate James Harrison (“Appellant”) submitted a request to the Jail for three types of records: (1) “documentation related to any disciplinary charge”; (2) “any intake notification relating to the rules”; and (3) “any records relating to the medical protocol and grievance mechanism.” On September 8, 2025, having received no response from the Jail, the Appellant initiated this appeal.

Under KRS 61.880(1), upon receiving a request for records under the Act, a public agency “shall determine within five (5) [business] days . . . after the receipt of any such request whether to comply with the request and shall notify in writing the person making the request, within the five (5) day period, of its decision.” Here, on August 16, 2025, the Appellant submitted a request to the Jail and, as of September 8, 2025, he had yet to receive a response. On appeal, the Jail does not claim to have timely responded to the Appellant’s request.¹ Thus, the Jail violated the Act when it failed to respond to the Appellant’s request within five business days.

A party aggrieved by this decision may appeal it by initiating an action in the appropriate circuit court under KRS 61.880(5) and KRS 61.882 within 30 days from the date of this decision. Under KRS 61.880(3), the Attorney General shall be notified of any action in circuit court, but shall not be named as a party in that action or in

¹ The Jail also did not respond to the notice of appeal the Office issued or otherwise dispute the Appellant’s assertions.

any subsequent proceedings. The Attorney General will accept notice of the complaint emailed to OAGAppeals@ky.gov.

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