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In re: Dwight Hall/Hardin County Detention Center

**Summary:** The Office cannot find that the Hardin County Detention Center (“the Center”) violated the Open Records Act (“the Act”) when it issued a response to a request within five business days of receiving the request.

***Open Records Decision***

On January 15, 2026, Dwight Hall (“Appellant”) submitted a request to the Center for records relating to a specific person. On January 22, 2026, at 12:44 p.m., having received no response from the Center, 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, the Appellant submitted a request to the Cabinet on January 15, 2026, and as of January 22, 2026, at 12:44 p.m., he had yet to receive a response. On appeal, the Center states it received the Appellant’s request on January 15, 2026, and responded to it on January 22, 2026, at 2:34 p.m., which was the fourth business day after it received the request.<sup>1</sup> As proof, the Center provides a picture of an email response to the Appellant, dated January 22, 2026, at 2:34 p.m. Consequently, the Center did not

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<sup>1</sup> State offices were closed on January 19, 2026, the third Monday in January, for the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., which is a state holiday. KRS 2.110(1) (“[T]he third Monday of January (Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.)” is a state holiday “on which all the public offices of this Commonwealth may be closed.”); KRS 18A.190(1)(b) (“State offices shall be closed and state employees shall be given a holiday on . . . [t]he third Monday in January[.]”). January 17 and 18, 2026, were a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively.

violate the Act when it responded to a request for records within five business days of receiving it.<sup>2</sup>

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

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<sup>2</sup> Because the Appellant brought this appeal for the Center's alleged failure to issue a timely response, the content of the Center's response is not ripe for review. *See, e.g.*, 23-ORD-135 n.3.