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In re: Jennifer Ginter/Kentucky State Reformatory

**Summary:** The Kentucky State Reformatory (“the Reformatory”) did not violate the Open Records Act (“the Act”) when it responded to a request for information that did not describe public records.

***Open Records Decision***

Jennifer Ginter (“the Appellant”) submitted a request to the Reformatory for “[j]ail credits” for a named inmate. In response, the Reformatory noted that the Appellant’s request “is not an open records request” but provided the requested information regarding “the dates that [the inmate] is currently/previously being credited.” This appeal followed.

The Act does not require public agencies to answer interrogatories or provide information in whatever form a requester demands. Rather, residents of the Commonwealth may only inspect identifiable “public records” after submitting a request “describing the records to be inspected.” KRS 61.872(2)(a). Here, the Appellant’s request for an inmate’s “jail credits” did not describe specific public records to be produced; rather, it asked the Reformatory for information. Although the Reformatory was not required under the Act to compile and provide that information, it chose to do so. Accordingly, the Reformatory did not violate the Act in its disposition of the Appellant’s request.

The Appellant makes two specific allegations on appeal. First, she complains about the Reformatory’s responses to certain other requests made by the inmate himself. However, those matters are not within the scope of this appeal. *See* KRS 61.880(2)(a) (requiring the requester to “forward to the Attorney General a copy of the written request and a copy of the written response” to initiate an appeal). Second, the Appellant complains that the inmate’s jail credit has been calculated incorrectly. That issue is also beyond the scope of this appeal. *See, e.g.,* 23-ORD-218 (noting the Attorney General “cannot adjudicate questions unrelated to the Act in an

appeal brought under KRS 61.880(1)"). Therefore, the issues raised by the Appellant cannot be addressed in this appeal.

A party aggrieved by this decision may appeal it by initiating an action in the appropriate circuit court pursuant to KRS 61.880(5) and KRS 61.882 within 30 days from the date of this decision. Pursuant to 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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