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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 May 4, 2026, James Harrison (“Appellant”) submitted a request to the Jail for records related to two letters he sent to his son at the Jail.¹ On May 26, 2026, having received no response to his request, 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 Jail on May 4, 2026, and as of May 26, 2026, he had yet to receive a response. The Jail has not disputed the Appellant’s claims on appeal.² Therefore, the Office must conclude that Jail violated the Act when it did not respond to a request for records.

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.

¹ Specifically, the Appellant states that the letters were not delivered to his son and he seeks records detailing why the letters were rejected and returned to him.

² The Jail also did not respond to notice of appeal issued by the Office.

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