



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DANIEL CAMERON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

CAPITOL BUILDING, SUITE 118
700 CAPITAL AVENUE
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601
(502) 696-5300
FAX: (502) 564-2894

20-ORD-149

September 15, 2020

In re: Taquan Neblett/Kentucky State Reformatory

Summary: Kentucky State Reformatory (“Reformatory”) did not violate the Open Records Act (“the Act”) in denying an inmate’s request for a record that did not contain a specific reference to him.

Open Records Decision

On July 11, 2020, Taquan Neblett (“Appellant”) requested from the Reformatory a copy of “the emergency meal menu.” In a timely response, the Reformatory denied the request under KRS 197.025(2) because the requested menu did not contain a specific reference to him. Thereafter, Appellant initiated this appeal.

Under KRS 197.025(2), “the department shall not be required to comply with a request for any record from any inmate confined in a jail or any facility or any individual on active supervision under the jurisdiction of the department, unless the request is for a record which contains a specific reference to that individual.” The requested menu does not contain a specific reference to Appellant. *See, e.g.*, 14-ORD-048; 12-ORD-064; 09-ORD-035; 08-ORD-008; 05-ORD-105; 05-ORD-023; and 00-ORD-115 (all holding that menus or similar records may be withheld because such records do not contain specific references to the inmates who requested them). Accordingly, the Reformatory did not violate the Act in denying the request.

A party aggrieved by this decision may appeal it by initiating action in the appropriate circuit court per KRS 61.880(5) and KRS 61.882. 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 proceeding.

Daniel Cameron
Attorney General

/s/Marc Manley
Marc Manley
Assistant Attorney General

#269

Distributed to:

Taquan Neblett #119028
Amy Barker
Whitney Williams