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In re: Anonymous/Kentucky State Police

Summary: The Kentucky State Police (the “KSP”) did not violate the Open Records Act (“the Act”) when it denied a request to inspect records that did not contain a signature or a legibly printed name under KRS 61.872(2)(a).

Open Records Decision

Anonymous (“Appellant”) asked KSP to provide copies of records related to calls for service made by a specific individual. In a timely response, KSP denied the request under KRS 61.872(2)(a) because the Appellant had neither signed nor printed his or her name on the request. The Appellant initiated this appeal soon after.¹

Under KRS 61.872(2)(a), an agency’s records custodian may require a written application that is signed by the applicant with his or her name printed legibly on the application.² Here, the Appellant did not sign the request, nor did he or she legibly print his or her name on it. Therefore, KSP did not violate the Act when it denied the Appellant’s request.

A party aggrieved by this decision may appeal it by initiating action in the appropriate circuit court pursuant to KRS 61.880(5) and KRS 61.882. Pursuant to KRS 61.880(3), the Attorney General shall be notified of any action

¹ The Appellant also initiated this appeal as “Anonymous,” and has not identified himself or herself on appeal.

² Under KRS 369.107(4), an electronic signature satisfies the law where a law requires a signature.

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in circuit court, but shall not be named as a party in that action or in any subsequent proceedings.

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