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In re: Uriah M. Pasha/Lee Adjustment Center

Summary: The Lee Adjustment Center (the "Center") violated the Open Records Act ("the Act") when it failed to respond to a request made under the Act.

Open Records Decision

On July 10, 2024, inmate Uriah M. Pasha ("Appellant") submitted a request to the Center for "a copy of the [July 3, 2024] Authorized Transfer Order used to [t]ransfer" him "from Western Kentucky Correctional Complex to" the Center. The Appellant also sought a copy of his "inmate account statement" from June 1, 2024, to the date of his request. On July 25, 2024, having received no response from the Center, the Appellant initiated this appeal.

Under the Act, a public agency has five business days from the receipt of a request for public records to fulfill the request or deny it and explain why. KRS 61.880(1). Here, the Appellant submitted a request for records to the Center on July 10, 2024, and did not receive a response to his request. The Center has not submitted a response to the Office or otherwise claimed that it did respond to the Appellant's request.¹ Accordingly, the Center violated the Act when it failed to respond to the Appellant's request.

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

¹ The Center confirmed receipt of the notice of appeal on August 5, 2024.

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

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