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Re: Complaint 26-FC-102
Robert Buggs (Complainant) v.
Gary Public Library (Respondent)

This advisory opinion is issued in response to the above-referenced complaint filed on March 3, 2026.

A Notice of Complaint, along with a copy of the complaint, was sent to the Respondent on March 13, 2026, requesting a formal response by April 13, 2026. No formal response was received from Respondent concerning the complaint.

The complaint alleges that Respondent violated the Access to Public Records Act (APRA) when it failed to acknowledge or comply with his APRA request within seven (7) days.

ANALYSIS

On October 10, 2025, Complainant filed "Request for Public Record" requesting copies of monthly invoices submitted by Attorney Gibson for services rendered as the attorney for the Gary Public Library Board for 2023-2025.

Respondent sent a response via email on March 2, 2026, providing a "response to your FOIA requests." Complainant responded on the same day references his "FOIA" requests.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is a federal statute. This office has no jurisdiction over federal laws. It has jurisdiction over Indiana laws, specifically, Open Door Law (ODL) at IC 5-14-1.5 and APRA at IC 5-14-3.

CONCLUSION

This office does not have jurisdiction to provide an advisory opinion regarding this complaint.

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