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Re: Complaint 26-FC-131
Tabatha Grigsby (Complainant) v.
Monticello Police Department (Respondent)

This advisory opinion is issued in response to the above-referenced complaint filed on March 21, 2026.

A Notice of Complaint, along with a copy of the complaint, was sent to the Respondent on April 9, 2026, requesting a formal response by May 8, 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 the Complainant's APRA request within 7 days.

ANALYSIS

The public policy of APRA states that "[p]roviding persons with information is an essential function of a representative government and an integral part of the routine duties of public officials and employees, whose duty it is to provide the information." IC 5-14-3-1.

Respondent is a public agency for purposes of APRA; and therefore, subject to the requirements. IC 5-14-3-2(s). As a result, unless an exception applies, any person has the right to inspect and copy Respondent's public records during regular business hours. IC 5-14-3-3(a).

Complainant filed an APRA request with Respondent on March 11, 2026, requesting:

- (1) All CAD logs, incident reports, and officer narratives involving Complainant or a specified vehicle for a specific time frame.

- (2) All records of “plate hits” or inquiries made by Monticello Police Department officers regarding a specified vehicle for the same specified time frame.
- (3) GPS location logs and radio transmissions for patrol units operating in a certain vicinity during the same specified time frame.

Complainant had not received an acknowledgment or response to her request as of the date of filing the formal complaint.

APRA states that if a person makes a request by phone or in person, the public entity needs to acknowledge the request within 24 hours. If a person submits the request by email, fax, or postal mail, the public entity has seven (7) days to acknowledge the request. If the request is not acknowledged within these timeframes, it is considered a constructive denial. IC 5 14-3-4.4(c)(1) & (2).

Complainant made her initial request on March 11, 2026, and did not receive a response within 7 days. Accordingly, this office finds that Respondent violated APRA in failing to respond to or comply with Complainant’s APRA request within 7 days.

CONCLUSION

This office opines that the Respondent did violate APRA when it failed to respond to or comply with Complainant’s APRA request within 7 days.

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