

IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF OHIO

THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, A
DIVISION OF GP MEDIA, INC

Requester

v.

BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Respondent

Case No. 2024-00906PQ

Judge Lisa L. Sadler

JUDGMENT ENTRY

{¶1} On May 2, 2025, this Court issued a Decision and Entry overruling Respondent's (BCSO) objection to the Special Master's Report and Recommendation (R&R), adopted the R&R as its own, ordered BCSO to provide certain records to Requester (the Enquirer), assessed court costs to BCSO, and determined that the Enquirer was entitled to recover its filing fee and costs from BCSO. (Decision and Entry, May 2, 2025.)

{¶2} On October 6, 2025, the Twelfth District Court of Appeals reversed this Court's judgment and remanded this matter to this Court for further proceedings in accordance with law and consistent with that decision. *Cincinnati Enquirer v. Butler Cty. Sheriff's Office*, 2025-Ohio-4621, ¶ 19 (12th Dist.).

{¶3} The appellate court stated:

For the reasons outlined above, and finding merit to BCSO's single assignment of error, we reverse the Court of Claims' decision to adopt a special master's report and recommendation ordering the BCSO to create and provide to the Enquirer a call log setting forth a list of calls that Wagner made during the nearly six years in which he was an inmate incarcerated at the Butler County Jail awaiting trial. This is because, as explained more fully above, the requested call log does not serve to document "the

organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of” the BCSO. The creation of such a log serves only to document Wagner’s own activities. Wagner’s activities while an inmate incarcerated at the Butler County Jail are not equivalent to the activities of the BCSO. *Id.* ¶4 No appeal was taken from the appellate court’s decision.

¶5 In accordance with the court of appeals’ mandate, judgment is entered in favor of BCSO. Court costs are assessed against the Enquirer. The Clerk shall serve upon all parties notice of this judgment and its date of entry upon the journal.

LISA L. SADLER
Judge

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