CASE NO. 23-014

IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT AGAINST THE BLACK RIVER FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT, CORONER, MAYOR,

And ATTORNEY

Respondents.

ORDER TO DISMISS

On January 17, 2024, the Crime Victims Rights Board ("the Board") considered a complaint filed against the Black River Falls officials and agencies including the Police Department, Coroner, Mayor, and Attorney.

The complaint alleges victim rights' violations during interactions with the respondents and lack of responsiveness when the complainants sought more information about the death of their son. The Board has great sympathy for the tragic loss endured by the complainants and the frustration experienced when pursuing more information from the respondents. However, the authority of the Board is limited to complaints by victims of crime that involve a constitutional or statutory victim right over which the Board has jurisdiction. Because there was no crime committed, the Board has no such jurisdiction in this matter.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board lacks jurisdiction over the issues raised and the complaint is hereby dismissed.
- 2. That administrative decisions which adversely affect the substantial interests of any person, whether by action or inaction, whether affirmative or negative in form, are subject to review as provided in Wis. Stat. Chapter 227 –except as otherwise provided by law.
- 3. That a copy of this dismissal order shall be provided to the complainant as identified in the Service List below.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2024.

Chairperson Jennifer Dunn Crime Victims Rights Board

SERVICE LIST

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[name and address withheld]