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**SLIP OPINION NO. 2012-OHIO-1294**

**THE STATE EX REL. CHATFIELD, APPELLANT, v. FLAUTT, PROS. ATTY.,  
APPELLEE.**

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Slip Opinion No. 2012-Ohio-1294.]**

*Public records—Court of appeals’ judgment denying writ of mandamus affirmed.*

(No. 2011-1687—Submitted March 21, 2012—Decided March 28, 2012.)

APPEAL from the Court of Appeals for Perry County,  
No. 11-CA-6, 2011-Ohio-4659.

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**Per Curiam.**

{¶ 1} We affirm the judgment of the court of appeals denying the request of appellant, inmate James L. Chatfield, for a writ of mandamus ordering appellee, Perry County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph A. Flautt, to turn over certain records to him. R.C. 149.43(B)(8) required a finding by Chatfield’s sentencing judge or the judge’s successor that the requested information was necessary to support what appeared to be a justiciable claim. *State ex rel. Barb v. Cuyahoga*

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

*Cty. Jury Commr.*, 124 Ohio St.3d 238, 2010-Ohio-120, 921 N.E.2d 236. Chatfield obtained the requisite judicial finding from the Perry County Court of Common Pleas, but that court specified that the Columbus Police Department, not the Perry County prosecuting attorney, would provide the records. Because Chatfield's sentencing judge did not determine that the Perry County prosecuting attorney was the person responsible for the requested public records, Chatfield was not entitled to the requested extraordinary relief.

Judgment affirmed.

O'CONNOR, C.J., and PFEIFER, LUNDBERG STRATTON, O'DONNELL, LANZINGER, CUPP, and MCGEE BROWN, JJ., concur.

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