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Re: *Public Records Request; Multnomah County*
Joseph Glenne Harris records

Dear Mr. Lucey:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law for records from Multnomah County. We respectfully must deny your petition.

Your petition, which we received on March 27, 2001, asks the Attorney General to direct Multnomah County to produce copies of certain records related to Joseph Glenne Harris which are in its possession. Under the Public Records Law, the Attorney General has authority to issue a public records order only to " . . . any person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of any public records of a state agency . . . ." (Emphasis supplied.) ORS 192.450(1). Multnomah County is not a state agency. Therefore, under the Public Records Law, it is the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, not the Attorney General, who has the authority to review your request.

Should the district attorney deny your petition, your recourse then is to file a lawsuit in Multnomah County.

Sincerely,

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