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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Oregon Youth Authority Records

Dear Mr. Barrett:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on January 11, 2001, asks the Attorney General to direct the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) to make available "all records on Brownie Larry Atkinson." We respectfully deny your petition as moot.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public records of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420. In response to your records request, OYA provided you with some records pertaining to Mr. Atkinson but withheld other records from disclosure.

Yesterday, you discussed your petition in a telephone conversation with Assistant Attorney General Jef Van Valkenburgh. In the course of that conversation you agreed to narrow your request to exclude from it fingerprint records. You also informed AAG Van Valkenburgh that OYA could satisfy its obligation to make the records available to you by sending the records to your mother, Dawn O'Neil, at an address you provided.

Deena Fulwider, OYA Records Supervisor, has informed us that OYA will make the records responsive to your amended request available to you by sending them to your mother.[1] Therefore, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

PETER D. SHEPHERD
Deputy Attorney General

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c: Deena Fulwider, Records Supervisor,
Oregon Youth Authority

[1] OYA may charge you a fee to reimburse it for its actual cost in making the records available. *See* ORS 192.440(3); OAR 416-130-0060. OYA may require that the payment be received before the materials are provided. OAR 416-130-0060(1)(B). Ms. Fulwider informs us that OYA will send you an invoice for the records responsive to your amended request.