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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Department of State Police, State Medical Examiner's Office Records

Dear Ms. Olson:

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 February 24, 2009, asks the Attorney General to direct the Oregon State Police, State Medical Examiner's Office ("Medical Examiner") to make available "investigative and autopsy reports * * * pertaining to the deaths by suicide" of listed individuals. For the reasons explained in our February 24, 2009 Public Records Order addressed to John W. Neidig, we respectfully deny your petition. A copy of that Order is enclosed.

Like Mr. Neidig, you are free to resubmit your request to the Medical Examiner or to renew your petition to our office once the Oregon Supreme Court has made a final decision with respect to the Medical Examiner's request that it reverse the Oregon Court of Appeals decision in ***Colby v. Gunson***, 224 Or App 666, ___ P3d ___ (2008). For now, however, your petition is respectfully denied.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure