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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Oregon State Court Records

Dear Mr. Butler:

On November 25, 2008, the Office of the Attorney General received correspondence from you concerning your attempts to obtain from the Multnomah County Circuit Court a copy of a traffic citation issued to you, including notes taken by the officer on the back of the citation. Although you do not explicitly ask the Attorney General to issue an order compelling the disclosure of the public records you seek, we treat your correspondence as a petition for a public records order. *See* ORS 192.450(1). This letter is the Attorney General's order with respect to your petition. For the reason that follows, your petition is respectfully denied.

Your correspondence indicates that the supervisor of the Multnomah County Circuit Court Criminal Calendaring Unit denied your request for the record in question. You also state that "other staff in records" at the Multnomah County Circuit Court confirmed that the denial of your initial records request was pursuant to a general policy.

On December 2, 2008, Assistant Attorney General Michael C. Kron contacted the Multnomah County Circuit Court staff member who initially denied your petition. That person confirmed that your request initially was denied, but stated that the Trial Court Administrator's office had subsequently provided you with a copy of the document. Mr. Kron then contacted you, and you confirmed that the agency has provided you with a copy of the record.

In these circumstances, your petition for a Public Records Order under ORS 192.450(1) is moot, and we respectfully deny your petition on that basis.

Sincerely,

for PETER D. SHEPHERD
Deputy Attorney General

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c: Doug Bray, Trial Court Administrator, Multnomah County Circuit Court
Nori Cross, Special Counsel, Office of the State Court Administrator