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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Oregon Department of Corrections Offender Information and Sentencing Computation Unit Records

Dear Mr. Hentz:

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 14, 2007, asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Department of Correction's Offender Information and Sentencing Computation Unit (OISC) to make available to you the following information/records:

(a) Verify for me, whether there was an African American inmate, age 21 to 25 years of age, with the first name "Ryan" and last name "Williams," no middle name at all, in the Oregon Department of Corrections the week of June 4, 2006.

(b) Please provide me with the SID number for inmate, "Ryan Williams," listed above in paragraph (a).

(c) Could you tell me what institution he was in, "Ryan Williams," the week of June 4, 2006.

You contend that you "asked to inspect and copy these records, Oct. 28[?], 2006, December 15, 2006 and Jan 9, 2007," and that "[t]hese [sic] request was denied by inaction." For the following reasons, we respectfully deny your petition.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public record of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420. Any person who is denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to review the record and determine if it may be withheld. ORS 192.450(1). The Attorney General may order a state agency to disclose records only when the agency has denied a request for the records. *See* ORS 192.450(1).

We have conferred with OISC staff, who informed us that OISC did not deny your request, but has responded to your inquiries and provided the requested information by letter dated February 14, 2007 (copy attached).

We therefore deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rob Persson, OISC Administrator