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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
*Deschutes County Trial Court Records*

Dear Mr. Drollinger:

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 17, 2006, asks the Attorney General to order the Deschutes County Trial Court Administrator "to sign their response dated January 5, 2006 as their official answer to the attached PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST." For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

You made a request to the Deschutes County Trial Court Administrator for disclosure of "City of Prineville Police Department INCIDENT REPORT # 991061, SUPPLEMENTAL # 6" from your case file. Your petition states that you received a response dated January 5, 2006, explaining that the agency does not maintain such reports but that the response was unsigned. You are now seeking a signed response.

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. The law requires generally that the custodian of public records furnish proper and reasonable opportunities for their inspection or copying in the office of the custodian. ORS 192.430. If a state agency denies a request for disclosure of records, the requestor may petition the Attorney General for review of the denial. ORS 192.450(1). The law does not require that an agency official sign a written response to a request for records.

Ernest Mazorol, the Trial Court Administrator for Deschutes County, sent us a copy of his most recent letter to you, dated January 20, 2006. The letter states that there is one police report, "supplemental 1," in your case file. Mr. Mazorol enclosed a copy of the report with his letter to you. Because the agency has responded to your request by providing the only police report in your case file we deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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