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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Crook 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 9, 2006, asks the Attorney General to order the Crook County Trial Court Administrator to make available for inspection two original tape recordings in case number 99CR0177. For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

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).

We have received a copy of a letter addressed to you, dated January 11, 2006, from Amy Bonkosky, Trial Court Administrator for Crook and Jefferson County Circuit Courts. Ms. Bonkosky's letter states that the trial court does not possess the taped records and is not the custodian of the records. Because the agency has no records responsive to your request, we deny your petition.

Sincerely,

PETER D. SHEPHERD
Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Nori Cross, Office of the State Court Administrator
Amy Bonkosky, Trial Court Administrator, Crook & Jefferson County Circuit Courts