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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Oregon Department of Human Services, Center for Health Statistics Records

Dear Ms. Dansie:

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 September 19, 2005, asks the Attorney General to order the Department of Human Services, Center for Health Statistics, to provide you with a certified copy of your divorce decree.

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. In general, 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. However, appeals from a denial of a request for disclosure of records by the State Registrar must be made under ORS chapter 183. ORS 432.121(10); 432.130. Because the Attorney General does not have authority to order the State Registrar to disclose records, we deny your petition.

As a courtesy, we spoke with Jennifer Woodward of the Center for Health Statistics about your petition. She told us that the Center mailed a certified copy of your record of dissolution of marriage to you on September 16, 2005.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Shepherd

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c: Jennifer Woodward, Center for Health Statistics