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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Police
DOJ File No. 257001-GA0115-13

Dear Mr. Collins,

This letter is the Attorney General's order in response to your petition asking our office to direct the Oregon State Police (OSP) to disclose certain records to you under the Oregon Public Records Law. Specifically, you seek records related to the OSP's internal investigation of former OSP Sergeant Darin Helman. OSP denied your request, citing the exemption permitting personnel disciplinary information to be withheld from disclosure "unless the public interest requires disclosure in the particular instance[.]" ORS 192.501(12). We have spoken to OSP concerning your petition. We are now informed that, under these particular circumstances, OSP will make the records available to you. We consequently deny your petition as moot. In providing the records, OSP may determine that some information appearing in them is exempt from disclosure under other provisions of law. If OSP does so and you disagree with exemptions claimed by OSP, you may petition our office to review those determinations.

Sincerely,

MARY H. WILLIAMS
Deputy Attorney General

c: Captain Jeff Lanz, OSP