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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Department of Corrections

Dear Mr. Hentz:

This letter is the Attorney General's order in response to your petition asking our office to order the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) to disclose certain records to you under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition concerns a request you made to ODOC in December of 2013. ODOC officials inform us that ODOC regulations would prohibit your possession of the information that you requested. The Oregon Public Records Law does not authorize inmates to possess records in violation of applicable ODOC rules. ODOC officials also state that, at the time your request was processed, you did not have sufficient funds in your inmate trust account to pay the costs associated with your request. They also inform us that you currently do not have sufficient funds to pay those costs. Because ODOC is statutorily authorized to establish fees to recover the actual costs of providing public records, ORS 192.440(4), we must respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK M. BOSS
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c: Jeff L. Premo, Superintendent, Oregon State Penitentiary
Michelle Dodson, ODOC