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Re: Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Police
DOJ File No. 257001-GA0136-15

Dear Ms. Woolington,

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. You ask the Attorney General to direct the Oregon State Police (OSP) to provide you with copies of "its reports concerning the officer-involved shooting of Christopher Harper-Mercer."

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; ORS 192.430. Any person denied the right to inspect a public record of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to review the public record to determine if it may be withheld from public inspection. ORS 192.450(1). The Public Records Law primarily is a disclosure law, not a confidentiality law. The public body has the burden of demonstrating that withholding a requested public record from inspection is permitted by the Public Records Law. ORS 192.450(1).

Your petition makes arguments that are essentially identical to those made by Kyle Iboshi of KGW, who similarly seeks records relating to OSP's investigation of the shooting of Harper-Mercer. For the reasons expressed in our order to Mr. Iboshi today, a copy of which is enclosed,

we conclude that the records at issue are exempt from disclosure at this time, and respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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