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Les Zaitz
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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Police (Troy Austin request)
DOJ File No.: 257001-GA0028-12

Dear Mr. Zaitz:

On March 30, 2012, you submitted a request to Oregon State Police (OSP) for a record pertaining to Troy Austin. In particular, you requested "only the OSP detective's summary report to the [District Attorney]." On April 2, 2012, Cecily Brown, the records supervisor at OSP, sent you a letter denying your request, citing ORS 192.501(3). On April 3, 2012, you submitted a petition for review of that decision to the Attorney General's office.

Since you filed your petition, our office has learned that OSP does not actually have any documents that are responsive to your request. In other words, OSP does not have a "detective's summary report" pertaining to Mr. Austin. (Although OSP has those types of reports for some cases, they do not have them for all cases.) For that reason, your petition for review is denied.

Our office has learned, however, that OSP has identified a number of reports that provide information of a more "summary" nature regarding Mr. Austin. The agency is in the process of determining whether those can be disclosed to you, with some material redacted to protect various interests. If you would like to receive those documents from the agency, feel free to contact Ms. Brown at OSP.

Sincerely,

MARY H. WILLIAMS
Deputy Attorney General

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c: Cecily Brown, OSP