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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Oregon Department of Human Services Records
DOJ File No.: 100101-GA0131-17

Dear Ms. Matheny:

This letter is the Attorney General's order responding to your petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505.[1] Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide you with records from a child welfare case related to you (under the name Dawn Moore).

We spoke with Andrea Kennedy-Smith, a DHS paralegal. While DHS child abuse records are generally exempt from disclosure under ORS 419B.035(1), she explained that DHS has chosen to exercise the discretion granted to it under ORS 419B.035(3) to disclose the requested records to you. She told us that the records will be sent to you promptly.

Therefore, we respectfully deny your petition as moot. DHS may redact some of the information in these records. If you wish to contest any of those redactions, you may submit a new petition to our office.

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Boss
Deputy Attorney General

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[1] We treat your petition as being received on September 22 as that is when you provided supporting documents showing which DHS employee had denied your records request.