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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Department of Corrections
DOJ File No.: 291011-GA0019-21

Dear Mr. Hinkhouse:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Department of Corrections (DOC) to disclose security video footage from various locations within the Two Rivers Correctional Institution (TRCI) that was recorded on multiple dates between June and September 2020.

We contacted Michelle Dodson, DOC Records Officer, and Linda Simon, TRCI Legal Information Officer, regarding your petition. They informed us that the footage you requested no longer exists because it was automatically overwritten by the video recording system due to storage limitations. They also explained that although they have no way to determine exactly when the footage was overwritten by the system, it was overwritten in the ordinary course of business and not in response to your records request. Because we cannot order DOC to disclose records that no longer exist, we must respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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