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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Department of Human Services
DOJ File No.: 100101-GA0008-24

Dear Mr. Wood:

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 Human Services (DHS) to disclose records documenting that your parental rights were terminated in the past.

We discussed your petition with Caroline Burnell in DHS' Public Records Unit. She explained that DHS responded to your requests for these records by informing you that DHS does not have any records indicating that your parent rights were ever terminated and therefore DHS does not possess any responsive records. Under the circumstances, we have no reason to second-guess Ms. Burnell's representation and we cannot order DHS to disclose records that do not exist. We therefore must respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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