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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Department of Human Services
DOJ File No.: 100101-GA0037-25

Dear Ms. Crombie:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.431.[1] Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Department of Human Services (DHS) to disclose a Washington County Sheriff's Office investigation into the deaths of Nicholas Alexander and Larissa Alexander.

We discussed your petition with Michelle Watkins, the DOJ-assigned contact counsel for DHS on this petition. She indicated that DHS had reconsidered its decision and has now decided to release the WCSO investigation requested by you. She stated that it is possible that DHS may redact information that it concludes is exempt for other reasons permitted under the Public Records Law or as set forth in ORS 419B.035(2)(a). If you disagree with any such redactions, you may again petition this office for review. Because DHS has now agreed to produce the records you requested, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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[1] We thank Ms. Crombie for agreeing to an extension of time in which to respond to her petition.