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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Medical Examiner
DOJ File No.: 257001-GA0168-25

Dear Ms. Jackson:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.431. Your petition seeks assistance from the Attorney General in obtaining records from the Office of the Oregon State Medical Examiner (ME). The Public Records Law confers the right to inspect public records in Oregon, unless such records are exempt under ORS 192.338, 192.345, or 192.355. ORS 192.314(1). Any person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of a public record of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to review the record and determine if it may be withheld. ORS 192.411(1).

Your petition stems from a records request to the ME for autopsy records associated with a death investigation. The ME initially denied your record request citing ORS 192.345(3) (the criminal investigatory exemption). The ME then reconsidered that decision and released its records to you. Because the ME has now provided the relief you requested, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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