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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Police
DOJ File No.: 257001 GA0172-25

Dear Ms. Finkle:

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 Oregon State Police (OSP). 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 OSP for certain communications. OSP initially denied your records request citing ORS 192.345(3) (the criminal investigatory exemption). OSP then reconsidered that decision and released its records to you. Because OSP has now provided the relief you requested, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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