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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Police
DOJ File No.: 257001-GA0059-26

Dear Mr. Millerblackwell:

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 asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon State Police (OSP) to disclose records related to you. For the reasons discussed below, we respectfully deny your petition.

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). The law is a disclosure law, and exemptions from disclosure must be express. 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). The agency carries the burden to sustain its actions. *Id*.

Your petition stems from a records request made to OSP on January 30, 2026. Your request sought:

> All public records from the Oregon State Police related to any BOLO (Be On the Lookout), hotlist entry, ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader) hit, welfare check, non-emergency call log, CAD entry, or any mention of my name (Trent Austin Millerblackwell) or vehicles since early 2020 (COVID period) to present (January 2026). This includes any entries in LEDS, NCIC, or other systems, dispatch notes, or alerts tied to my ongoing harassment/stalking pattern.

OSP told you that it did not have responsive CAD or ALPR records. OSP stated that any BOLO and hotlist entries would be exempt pursuant to ORS 192.345(3), which exempts criminal investigatory exemption. OSP further responded to you that it would not query the Law Enforcement Data System for any entries pertaining to you. Your petition followed.

In response to your petition, we contacted Candace Benson, a Criminal Justice Information Specialist with OSP. She stated that OSP is no longer asserting the criminal investigatory exemption for any BOLO or hotlist entries because OSP conducted a search and found no records responsive to this portion of your request. Under the circumstances, we have no reason to doubt OSP's representation that these records do not exist. We therefore respectfully deny this portion of your petition.

The final part of your records request seeks "any entries in LEDS, NCIC, or other systems * * * tied to my ongoing harassment/stalking pattern." OSP contends that state and federal law prohibit it from querying the Law Enforcement Data System for these records.

The Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) within OSP includes "a criminal justice telecommunication and information system for storage of criminal justice information submitted by criminal justice agencies for the State of Oregon." ORS 181A.280(2)(a). LEDS also serves "as the control point for access to similar programs operated by other states and the federal government." ORS 181A.280(2)(b). Several statutes restrict access to information available through LEDS.[1] ORS 181A.280(3) requires OSP to adopt "rules establishing procedures for submission, access and dissemination of information" by LEDS, and those rules do not permit OSP to query LEDS data repositories in response to a public records request. *See generally* OAR 257-1015-0060. For example, information in "investigative files maintained by LEDS, NCIC, or other agencies is for criminal justice use only and is not to be disseminated to any person for other than an official criminal justice purpose." OAR 257-015-0060(1).[2] Because these records are made confidential under state law, they are exempt from public records disclosure. ORS 192.355(9)(a). For this reason, we respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN GUTMAN
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[1] *See e.g.,* ORS 181A.220(1) (makes confidential state level criminal justice information compiled by OSP); 28 CFR § 20.33 (restricting dissemination of federally compiled criminal history record information).
[2] *See also* OAR 181A.280(2)(b) (restricting access to Oregon criminal history records as set for in OAR 257-010-0025, which does not permit access for purposes of a public records request).