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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order;
Oregon State University Records

Dear Mr. Webb:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 112.505. Your petition, which we received on May 14, 1992,[1] asks the Attorney General to order Oregon State University (OSU) to disclose to you records providing "the names and badge numbers of all currently employed ticket writers." We understand that you refer to parking citations and the staff of the university's Parking Services Office. By telephone on May 20, 1992, you granted an extension to May 28, 1992. For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

Peggie Cunningham, manager of Parking Services, OSU, has informed us that OSU has no records describing the badge numbers of Parking Services staff who issue parking citations. Parking Services does not issue to its staff actual badges. Rather, parking or traffic citations are noted with a number by the person who issues the citation; the issuer does not write his or her name on the citations. Because there are only a few such persons and the Parking

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[1] We appreciate your extending the time within which the law would have otherwise obligated us to respond.

Services Office staff knows the identification number of each, no records of the identification number of the persons issuing citations has been created.

We understand that you have now been told the name of the individual who issues parking citations under a specific identification number.

The Public Records Law does not impose on public bodies the duty to create public records. Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual at 3 (1989). Since no record exists which has the information described in your request, we deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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cc: Peggie Cunningham

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