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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order: Records of District Attorney of Deschutes County

Dear Mr. Henderson:

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 192.505. Your petition, which we received on October 27, 1992, asks the Attorney General to direct the District Attorney of Deschutes County to make available a report of an incident involving Norman Miller and Jeannyne Veach. For the reasons that follow, we deny your petition.

Your petition alleges that the district attorney denied your request for the records. Under the Public Records Law, the district attorney is the official responsible for reviewing public records decisions by local governments. ORS 192.460. Thus, the district attorney is the proper official to whom to direct your petition. If the Deschutes County District Attorney denies your petition, the Attorney General would not review that denial. Public Records Order, January 21, 1988 (Wright) (under ORS 192.480, Attorney General may not order the district attorney,

an elected official, to release public records). Rather, ORS 192.480 and 192.490 establish the procedure to obtain judicial review of a district attorney's denial of a records request.

Sincerely,

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c: Michael Dugan, Deschutes County District Attorney