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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Multnomah County Trial Court Records

Dear Mr. Birhanzl:

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 September 23, 2004, asks the Attorney General to direct the Multnomah County Trial Court Administrator, Douglas Bray, to make available for inspection the record that shows who checked out the civil case file for Case No. 0406-06305 on Friday, September 17, 2004. For the reason that follows, we respectfully deny your petition.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public records of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.410. The Public Records Law provides that a person denied the right to inspect or receive a copy of a public record by a state agency or official may petition the Attorney General to order the release of the public record. ORS 192.450(1).

We spoke with Bradd Swank, Special Counsel, Government Relations, of the Judicial Department about your petition. Mr. Swank told us that, according to the Multnomah County Trial Court Administrator, Douglas Bray, Mr. Bray's office disclosed

the requested record for your inspection on Monday, September 20, 2004. Because Mr. Bray's office has disclosed the record to you, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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c: Bradd Swank, Special Counsel, Government Relations, Judicial Department
Douglas M. Bray, Multnomah County Trial Court Administrator