FROM	Robert Samuel White
TO	James Neff
DATE	November 12, 2026, 3:07 PM PT
SUBJECT	**Re: The Attorney General's public records orders**

Mr. Neff,

They have never once followed the statute. Not in 45 years. That is what the data shows you.

Robert Samuel White

From: James Neff <jneff@oregonjournalismproject.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2026 1:52:41 PM
To: Robert Samuel White <rsw@rswfire.com>
Subject: Re: The Attorney General's public records orders

Hi, I received it and read it fairly closely. It is interested. Is the trend is more denials, as a percentage of replies--do I have that right?
Jim

On Thu, Nov 12, 2026 at 12:58 PM Robert Samuel White <rsw@rswfire.com> wrote:
Mx. Neff:
On November 8, I wrote to you about what forty-five years of the Attorney General's public records orders show.1 I sent you the article, a spreadsheet of every order, and the source for every figure. Since January 2025, the Attorney General's office has made an agency release a record in 6 of its 282 orders.2 Those records belong to the public. The Attorney General's office is the one place a person can make an agency hand them over without going to court, and it almost never does. I am asking the press to do something about that.
I wrote to 63 reporters, editors, newsrooms, and press organizations. Not one has responded. I now keep a public record of those letters, the Press Response Tracker, with the date of each and whether it has had a response.3 Your name is on it. When you respond, your response will be published there in full, in your words.
The orders are public. The State of Oregon Law Library publishes every one of them, and every figure I sent you links to the orders it counts.4 Nothing about this can be hidden except by silence. What keeps it from the public now is that the people whose work is to report it have said nothing.
I am not asking anyone to report this on my word. Check every figure against the orders; that is what the links are for, and it is what I want you to do. Checking takes time. Telling me you received the letter and are taking it seriously takes one line, and a person who writes to you is owed that much. I am asking for it, and for your answer on the record: will you report what these orders show? If you will

not, why not?
Respectfully,
Robert Samuel White
Public Records Requestor
rswfire.com
openrecordsoregon.org
autonomyrealms.com
Sources
My letter to you, “The Attorney General’s public records orders,” November 8, 2026
“The Attorney General Is the Last Stop Before Court,” OpenRecordsOregon.org, November 7, 2026
Press Response Tracker, OpenRecordsOregon.org
Attorney General’s Public Records Orders, State of Oregon Law Library

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