FROM	James Neff
TO	Robert Samuel White
DATE	November 12, 2026, 4:39 PM PT
SUBJECT	**Re: The Attorney General's public records orders**

On Thu, Nov 12, 2026 at 4:23 PM Robert Samuel White <rsw@rswfire.com> wrote:

> Mr. Neff,
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> They have never once followed the statute. Not in 45 years. That is what
> the data shows you.
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> Robert Samuel White
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> *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
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> 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
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> On Thu, Nov 12, 2026 at 12:58 PM Robert Samuel White <rsw@rswfire.com>
> wrote:
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> Mx. Neff:
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> On November 8, I wrote to you about what forty-five years of the Attorney
> General's *public records orders*
> <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/6MMR> show.1 I sent you *the
> article* <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/876Z>, *a spreadsheet
> of every order* <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/E7YZ>, and *the
> source for every figure* <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/Z7G2>.
> 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.
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> 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* <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/PJC4>,
> 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.
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> The orders are public. The *State of Oregon Law Library*
> <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/Z7G2> 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.
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> 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 <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/N4P0>
> openrecordsoregon.org <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/Z5YK>
> autonomyrealms.com <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/JKEM>
> *Sources*
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> 1. My letter to you, “The Attorney General’s public records orders,”
> November 8, 2026
> 2. *“The Attorney General Is the Last Stop Before Court,”
> OpenRecordsOregon.org, November 7, 2026*
> <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/876Z>
> 3. *Press Response Tracker, OpenRecordsOregon.org*
> <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/PJC4>
> 4. *Attorney General’s Public Records Orders, State of Oregon Law
> Library* <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/Z7G2>
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> Responses to this letter are tracked publicly on the Press Response
> Tracker <https://openrecordsoregon.org/r/4D56CKQA/PJC4>.
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