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Dear M. Bowen:

My office is in receipt of your public records request dated October 10, 2022, pertaining to crime scene photos and videos, booking photos and mugshots, audio files, and interrogation audio/video related to Kipland Kinkel's conviction for murder in 1999. It is my understanding that in September you submitted a public records request to the Springfield Police Department which was denied. I therefore interpret your public records request to my office as a petition to review the denial pursuant to ORS 192.415(1).

Your petition is denied pursuant to ORS 192.345(3). The Oregon Department of Justice has open cases related to the underlying criminal investigation and prosecution.

I will note, however, that many of these records will be more than 25 years old later next year. Generally speaking, the public records law does not exempt from disclosure records that are more than 25 years old. ORS 192.390. Accordingly, you may want to submit another public records request in the second half of 2023.

Sincerely,

Spencer Gwartney

Deputy District Attorney