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Michelle Laramie Sent via email to

Re: Public Records Appeal v. City of Eugene

Dear Ms. Laramie,

This letter will serve as the District Attorney's opinion in your appeal of a denial of access to records possessed by the Eugene Police Department (EPD).

You requested from EPD recordings made by body worn cameras during a contact with you. That request was denied by EPD, citing ORS 192.345(40). Oregon Public Records law conditionally exempts the disclosure of the audio and video footage of body worn cameras operated by law enforcement officers. If the public interest in disclosing the contents outweighs the purpose of the exemption, the contents of body worn cameras may be ordered disclosed. ORS 192.345.

In your appeal, you list that you would like the contents of the body worn camera audio captured during a contact with an EPD officer or officers at your residence. You have not established that there is a public interest in the contents of that recording. Therefore, your appeal is denied.

You may appeal this decision in Lane County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

Patricia W. Perlow, District Attorney