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Re: Petition of Aisha Newchurch requesting review of redactions made by the City of Portland

Dear Ms. Newchurch and Mr. Byrd:

On December 16, 2024, Ms. Newchurch submitted a public records request to the City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC) seeking "all available records for a call that I placed to 911 for assistance with a domestic dispute." BOEC released redacted records to Ms. Newchurch on January 3, 2025. In June of this year Ms. Newchurch contacted BOEC seeking reconsideration of the redactions, which ultimately led to an August 10, 2026 petition to this office seeking review of the public records exemptions asserted by BOEC.

BOEC provided the withheld material for my review pursuant to ORS 192.422(2) and, for the reasons discussed below, I conclude that BOEC's redactions are lawful.

DISCUSSION

A. Law Enforcement Data System information – ORS 181A.280(3) / OAR 257-015-0060

The Oregon State Police is mandated by statute to maintain a Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and to enact rules governing access to the material provided through that system. ORS 181A.280(3). In this case the LEDS information withheld by BOEC is driver record information held by the Department of Motor Vehicles and provided to LEDS through a computer link maintained by OSP under OAR 257-015-0040(5).

OAR 257-015-0060(4)(a) provides:

Government agencies in Oregon have access to these records via LEDS for authorized criminal justice purposes and for licensing, employment and regulatory purposes specifically authorized by State Law and approved in writing by DMV. Communication, dissemination, or use of this information for other than authorized purposes is prohibited.

The OARs enacted under ORS 181A.280(3) may restrict public access to information. *Petition of OPB*, MCDA PRO 25-56 (2025). OAR 257-015-0060(4)(a) unambiguously prohibits government agencies from disseminating DMV information received through LEDS. See also *Petition of Peterson*, Att’y Gen. PRO (April 11, 2014) (reaching same conclusion for involved-party personal information on crash reports obtained through the LEDS link). These provisions are incorporated into the public records law by ORS 192.355(9).

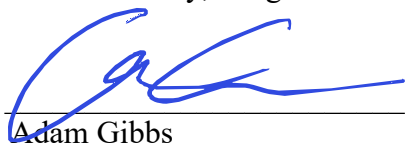
With the sole exception of a Social Security Number, all of the redactions made by BOEC are DMV information obtained through LEDS. The Social Security Number is exempt from disclosure under the Oregon Consumer Information Protection Act. ORS 646A.620(1)(c).

ORDER

Accordingly, the petition is denied.

Regards,

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By: 

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General Counsel