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RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT YOUR CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE

Dear Concealed Handgun License Applicant/Holder,

Early in 2012 the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 4045, which is an Act "Relating to the public disclosure of Concealed Handgun License information."

This bill essentially protects your personal information from being released by a public body that would identify you as "*a person as a current or former holder of, or applicant for, a concealed handgun license,*" and/or "*confirm or deny that a person...is a current holder of a concealed handgun license,*" unless very strict criteria are met.

The required criteria to disclose your personal information include but are not limited to the following: disclosure of your information may occur when the request is made by another public body and is necessary for criminal justice purposes; a court enters an order in a criminal or civil case directing the public body to disclose the records or information; the public body determines that a compelling public interest requires disclosure in the particular instance and the disclosure is limited to the name, age and county of residence of the holder or applicant; and the disclosure is made to a bona fide representative of the news media in response to a request for disclosure that provides the name and age of the person convicted of the crime involving the use or possession of a firearm.

In short, outside of your own written consent to disclose your personal information, or someone who requests it and meets the requirements of the new law in obtaining that information, your personal information concerning your concealed handgun license application with the Sheriff's Office shall remain confidential.

For more information about this new law, please visit:

<http://gov.oregonlive.com/bill/2012/HB4045/>

Sincerely,

Tim Svenson
Yamhill County Sheriff