

FORMAL NOTICE OF TORT CLAIM (ORS 30.275)
AND
FORMAL NOTICE OF PETITION (SB 1584)

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RESPONDENTS:

- (a) State of Oregon
- (b) Multnomah County
- (c) Multnomah County District Attorney's Office
- (d) Multnomah County District Attorney's Office
Personnel as follows:
 - (i) Ryan Lufkin
 - (ii) John Copic
- (e) City of Portland
- (f) Portland Police Department
- (g) Portland Police Personnel as follows:
 - (i) Tequila Thurman
 - (ii) Carrie Hutchinson

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STATEMENT OF CLAIM:

A claim for damages will be asserted by the above-named Claimant/Petitioner against the above-named Respondents for negligence, intentional acts, and wrongful imprisonment as outlined in the circumstances described below.

PETITION UNDER SB 1584: Claimant/Petitioner will file a Petition for Wrongful Conviction under Section 1 of SB 1584 (2022) within the time allowed.

DATE CHARGES DISMISSED: December 23, 2024

PLACE: Multnomah County, Oregon

CIRCUMSTANCES
GIVING RISE
TO THE CLAIM:

In approximately May of 2015, Claimant/Petitioner sold heroin to D.R. That same heroin was obtained by C.C., the roommate of D.R., and used recreationally. It was then alleged by Carrie Hutchinson and Tequila Thurman, both of whom were Portland Police Officers, that C.C. died as the result of an overdose from the heroin sold by Claimant/Petitioner. Thurman and Hutchinson both knew at the time they alleged that C.C. was dead that C.C. was, in fact, alive. Thurman and Hutchinson went on to write in their police reports that C.C. had died of an overdose in order to intimidate Claimant/Petitioner into cooperating with law enforcement. Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Ryan Lufkin knew that C.C. was alive, but wrote in the prosecutor's file, "OVERDOSE DEATH." Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney John Copic repeated these lies to Claimant/Petitioner's criminal defense attorney with embellishment as part of a successful campaign to convince Claimant/Petitioner to plead guilty and accept a prison sentence. The prison sentence accepted – 13 months, was based entirely on the lies of Hutchinson, Thurman, Lufkin, and Copic. Were it not for the lies perpetrated by the Portland Police Department and Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Claimant/Petitioner would not have served a prison sentence.

DAMAGES: \$2,000,000.00 for economic and non-economic damages for the wrongful imprisonment of Claimant/Petitioner.