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**Subject:** SAO Response to PRR #7536 - Skamania County  
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Dear Ms. Patton,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received your public records request sent in via email, as follows:

[Skamania did not properly track assets and evidence held by sheriff's office, says state audit - The Columbian](#)

***I cannot open the attached article because I have used up all my free articles. I tried looking on your site but didnt see anything specific to the Skamania County Sheriffs Office. Can I get a copy of whatever audit report for the skamania county sheriffs office sent to me via email, with a PDF file?***

**If there is a "management letter" please include that as well.....**

***Good morning. I had someone open the article and send me the information, along with the audit so I no longer need the audit linked in the article. I will keep the request for any management letter issued related to this audit.***

***In addition, please provide all communication between SAO and any Skamania County Elected officials/staff(from any department in Skamania County) about issues brought up during this audit(missing drugs, missing guns,policies,etc). Please let me know if you need any clarification. All communication from beginning to end, around the audit of the sheriffs department.***

***Email - addition to request 10/16/24:***  
***Additionally,the employee responsible for keeping track of the inventory of firearms, body cameras and Tasers had access to firearm safes without the proper controls.***

***The report also found two other employees could access firearm safes, and the sheriff's office could not track that access.***  
***"The Office did not adopt sufficient policies to address procedures to track and monitor small and attractive assets and items held in custody," the report said. "Without adequate segregation of duties and independent review of asset listings and items held in custody, there is an increased risk for potential error, misuse and misappropriation."***

In response, the most recent audit report did not have a management letter. We estimate we can provide you with any other responsive records found no later than November 21, 2024. If we are unable to meet that date, we will contact you and let you know when to expect the work will be completed. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or issues regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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