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Sheriff Prepares for Restrictions on Jail Booking Photos

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Benton County Sheriff's Office will no longer provide booking photos on their jail roster and will have limited release on social media and press releases.

In compliance with Oregon House Bill 3273, law enforcement agencies may not release a booking photo except:

- a) To the person depicted in the booking photo;
- b) To another law enforcement agency, or to a law enforcement officer employed by another law enforcement agency, for a law enforcement purpose;
- c) To the public, if the law enforcement agency determines that there is a law enforcement purpose for the release, including but not limited to assistance with the apprehension of a fugitive or a suspect in a criminal investigation, or the identification of additional criminal activity; or
- d) Upon the conviction of the person depicted in the booking photo, if the conviction results from the arrest during which the booking photo was obtained.

The bill goes into effect January 1, 2022; however, a request has already been made with the Benton County Information Technology Department to give them time to remove the images.

Jail booking details, including names and charges, remain available at <https://www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/page/inmate-roster-reports>. Once the photos are removed, they will be available by request up until the effective date of the new law, by making a request to bentoncosheriff@co.benton.or.us.

For further details on House Bill 3273, please go to <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3273>.

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