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We're suing the City of Medford for illegally spying on people

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Today, the ACLU of Oregon and its legal partners, Alicia LeDuc Montgomery and Bradley Bernstein Sands, filed a lawsuit against the City of Medford on behalf of clients Rogue Valley Pepper Shakers, Stabbin' Wagon, and Melissa Jones, who are progressive political activists and a part of mutual aid groups that care for their neighbors in need.

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Public records show that the Medford Police Department illegally surveilled progressive individuals and groups engaged in causes such as racial justice, LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive justice, housing justice, harm reduction, decriminalization, government transparency, and environmental advocacy, when no crime had been committed.

Under Oregon's Public Records Law (**ORS 192.311 – 192.478**), all Oregonians have the right to request public records about what information local government – including the police – are collecting or maintaining. Check out our website for a [toolkit with a template and directions for Oregonians on how to submit their own public records requests.](#)

The ACLU of Oregon is proud to defend Medford advocates and activists who are trying to resource and care for their neighbors. The Medford Police's blatant disregard of the three-decades-old state law that prohibits this type of surveillance is a bald display of impunity from those we trust to enforce the law. This abuse of power without fear of accountability is chilling, and must be stopped.

Thank you for supporting us in this fight.

**Kelly Simon**

**Pronouns: She, her, hers**

**Legal Director, ACLU of Oregon**

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