OREGON STATE POLICE
PENDED FIREARM SALE INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT

Your firearm sale transaction has been pended because some information that may be related to you is incomplete or not available. Because of this a yes or no decision cannot be made within the 30 minutes provided by Oregon Statute. (ORS 166.412 (3) (b))

A purchase that is 'pended' has not been denied or approved; it means a final determination cannot be made within 30 minutes. If the Firearms Unit is unable to determine whether the purchaser is qualified or disqualified from completing the transfer of the firearm within 30 minutes, OSP is required by law to provide the dealer with an estimate of time when the transfer can be approved or denied.

A transaction may be 'pended' for a variety of reasons that could disqualify a purchaser. The amount of time needed to complete the necessary research into the problem can vary greatly and usually depends on the availability of the needed information from the agency or court that maintains those records. If the needed information is more than a few years old, it may be necessary for the agency or court to manually search for the information and send it to the Firearms Unit. In each case, the Firearms Unit must research the issue until a final approval or denial can be made.

We appreciate your patience as we obtain sufficient record information to complete the purchase transaction as quickly as we possibly can. However, we do understand any concern you may have or the desire to make contact to obtain further information.

To reach the Oregon State Police concerning this matter, please contact us at:

503-373-1808

This number is a message line that is monitored throughout each day. Please clearly state and spell your name and telephone number, along with a message explaining what information you are requesting. We will return your call as soon as possible. We will attempt to have the complete information prior to returning your call.

Our business hours are 8:00am to 10:00pm daily, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.