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OR90-102

Dear Mr. Moss:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 8366.

The City of Houston Police Department received an open records request for, inter alia, the department's policy concerning "the searching of a patrol vehicle before and after an individual in custody is placed inside for transportation to the city jail and removed." You submitted to this office for review a copy of this policy from the department's Standard Operating Procedures manual. We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically section 3(a)(8), and have reviewed the document at issue. The requested policy constitutes the type of information section 3(a)(8) is intended to protect. See, e.g., Open Records Decision No. 531 (1989) (copy enclosed). For this reason, you may withhold the requested information pursuant to section 3(a)(8).

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-102.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Aragón".

Steve Aragón  
Assistant Attorney General  
Opinion Committee

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 531

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