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OR90-481

Dear Ms. Courter:

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# 10513.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) received an open records request for all documents pertaining to "any investigation conducted by the [DPS] requested in May 1985 by Midland County District Attorney Al Schorre." We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically section 3(a)(8), and have reviewed the documents at issue. Based on your representation that the requested information relates to a pending criminal investigation, you may withhold the requested information in its entirety pursuant to section 3(a)(8). See Open Records Decision No. 350 (1982).

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 OR90-481.

Yours very truly,

Sarah Woelk

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