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OR90-527

Dear Mr. Schenk:

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# 10959.

The City of Longview received an open records request for "records maintained by the Longview Police Department of automatic alarm calls." You contend that the requested records are deemed confidential by section 28e of article 4413(29bb), V.T.C.S., and so come under the protection of section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act.

Section 28e provides:

Information that is contained in alarm systems records held by a governmental body and that concerns the location of an alarm system, the name of the occupant of an alarm system location, or the type of alarm system used is confidential.

The documents at issue clearly constitute "alarm systems records" that are deemed confidential by section 28e. For this reason, you must withhold the requested information. For purposes of section 7(a) of the Open Records Act, you may consider this letter ruling a "previous determination" with regard to the type of information at issue here; you need not, therefore, seek an opinion from this office in the future regarding similar open records requests.

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 OR90-527.

Yours very truly,



Susan Garrison
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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