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OR91-059

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

You ask whether information in a file on a case of parental abduction, with respect to which the requestor is the complainant, is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 10218.

We have considered the exceptions you claimed, and have reviewed the documents at issue. You advise that litigation is currently pending with respect to the subject matter of the requested information and that the state is a party to that litigation. A previous determination of this office, Open Records Decision No. 551 (1990), a copy of which is enclosed, resolves your request. Accordingly, you may withhold the requested information. Please note the discussion on page 4 of Open Records Decision No. 551 regarding the duration of the litigation exception. As section 3(a)(3) is dispositive of your request, we need not consider the other exception you raised at this time.

In addition to the file in which he is the complainant, the requestor seeks voluminous information regarding other such files. You advise that some of the requested information is not maintained. Other information requested may be subject to one or more of several exceptions to public disclosure which must be considered individually. As framed, the request seeks virtually every document in your office related to parental abduction and is overbroad. You may advise the requestor of the kinds of information available, and ask the requestor to narrow the request. See Open Records Decision No. 563 (1990).

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 OR91-059.

Yours very truly,

John Steiner by SG

John Steiner
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Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 551