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Dear Mr. Wieneskie:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 38818 .

The City of Richland Hills (the "city") received a request for certain information comprising:

1. The physical description of any convicted sexual deviant residing in R[ichland] H[ills] along with the name of the block and the block hundred number of the address at which the deviant resides, as provided by the law for offenses committed prior to September, 1995.
2. The complete description of any such deviant described above and complete address and facts of the case as permitted by the law for convicted deviants after September, 1995. (Emphasis in original).

You have submitted to us for review a representative document¹ which you have determined is responsive to the request,² and you contend that the requested information is excepted from required public disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code.

¹We assume that the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. See Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). Here, we do not address any other requested records to the extent that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

²We note that the documents that you assert are responsive concern convicted sex offenders who are required to register with law enforcement authorities. You have not indicated that the city has other types of information responsive to the request.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." In Open Records Decision No. 645 (1996) we concluded that under article 6252-13c.1, V.T.C.S., all information contained in either an adult or juvenile sex offender's registration form and subsequently entered into the department's data base is public information and must be released upon written request *except* for the registrant's photograph, social security number, driver's license number, *numeric street address* and telephone number, and any information that on its face would directly reveal the identity of the victim. *See* Open Records Decision No. 645 (1996) at 10-11. We have enclosed a copy of Open Records Decision No. 645 (1996) for your reference.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures: Submitted document
Open Records Decision No. 645 (1996)

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