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Ms. Bonnie Lee Goldstein  
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OR96-1934

Dear Ms. Goldstein:

On behalf of the City of Cockrell Hill (the "city"), you ask that we clarify Open Records Letter Ruling No. 96-1267 (1996), which pertains to a request for the names and addresses of the suspects in a certain burglary. In particular, you ask whether the fact that the juveniles were suspects, as opposed to arrested persons, changes the result of that ruling.

You now inform us that two of the juveniles were charged with burglary and that the third juvenile was not charged, but has been detained as a run-away and taken into protective custody. Therefore, since the two juveniles whose names were on the front page of the report have been arrested, we need not answer the question you pose. As stated in Open Records Letter Ruling No. 96-1267 (1996), under *Houston Chronicle Publishing Co. V. City of Houston*, 531 S.W.2d 177 (Tex. Civ. App.--Houston [14th Dist.], writ *ref'd n.r.e. per curiam*, 536 S.W.2d 559 (Tex. 1976) information normally found on the front page of an offense report, including the name and address of the arrested person, is public. Since the information about the third suspect appears in the supplementary report and is not the type of information normally found on the front page of an offense report, the city may withhold that information from the requestor pursuant to Government Code section 552.108.

We are resolving this matter with this 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 may 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Guajardo".

Kay Guajardo  
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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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