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State of Texas

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OR96-2209

Dear Mr. Hyde:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 30632.

The City of Dallas Police Department (the "department") received a request for the last known address of a former department officer. You assert that the requested information is excepted from required public disclosure under section 552.117 of the Government Code.

Section 552.117(2) excepts from required public disclosure information relating to the home address, home telephone number, and social security number of a peace officer as defined by article 2.12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as well as whether the peace officer has family members. However, as the information submitted to this office relates to a "former" peace officer, section 552.117(2) does not apply. *See* Open Records Decision No. 532 (1989). However, section 552.117(1) *does* except from required public disclosure this information as it relates to former employees of a governmental body, so long as the former employees have elected to keep this information confidential in compliance with section 552.024. *See* Open Records Decision No. 530 (1989) (employee must make election prior to receipt of open records request). Therefore, you must release the former peace officer's last known address to the requestor unless the former peace officer made the election provided for in section 552.024 of the Government Code.

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 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, appearing to read "Todd Reese", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Todd Reese  
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Enclosure: Submitted document

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