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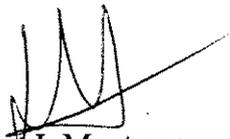
Dear Captain Taylor:

You seek reconsideration of Open Records Letter No. 97-0053 (1997), in which this office determined that the Texas Open Records Act, Government Code Chapter 552, required the City of Amarillo (the "city") to make certain information available to the requestor. We have assigned your request for reconsideration ID# 104874.

The city asserted that the names of the complainants and/or witnesses involving the case should be withheld. In Open Records Letter No. 97-0053 (1997), we ruled that under *Houston Chronicle*, the identification of complainants is open to public disclosure. We continue to affirm that position. We have, however, reexamined the documents you submit and the affidavits and statements of the witnesses involved. Additionally, we observe that in previous Open Records Decisions, this office concluded that the names and statements of witnesses may be withheld. *See, e.g.* Open Records Decision No. 127 (1976). Consequently, we now conclude that the city may withhold the identity of the witnesses under section 552.108 of the Government Code.

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, appearing to read 'Janet I. Monteros', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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