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State of Texas

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Ms. Felicia L. Wasson  
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Dallas, Texas 75201

OR97-2478

Dear Ms. Wasson:

You have asked whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 110048.

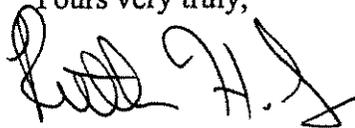
The Dallas Police Department ("Dallas") received a request for information concerning a particular case that you indicate has resulted in convictions. You assert that releasing the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime, and that the records are protected from disclosure pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) and (b)(1).

Section 552.108(a)(1) provides that information held by a law enforcement agency that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime is excepted from disclosure if release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime. Section 552.108(b)(1) provides that an internal record or notation of a law enforcement agency that is maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement or prosecution is excepted from disclosure if release of the record would interfere with law enforcement or prosecution. You state that the information contains detailed notes of law enforcement officers that "separately and in combination with remaining requested materials would give the public access to the mental and physical processes of law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties while investigating crime." However, you have not explained, nor is it apparent to this office, how release of the information at issue would interfere with the investigation or prosecution of crime under section 552.108(a)(1) or (b)(1). Thus, section 552.108 does not protect the submitted information from disclosure.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth H. Soucy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ruth" being the most prominent.

Ruth H. Soucy  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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