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Ms. Cathy Douse-Harris  
Acting Compliance Officer  
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Houston, Texas 77270-7849

OR98-0821

Dear Ms. Douse-Harris:

You ask this office to reconsider our ruling in Open Records Letter No. 98-0227 (1998). Your request for reconsideration was assigned ID# 114478.

The Houston Community College System (the "system") received a request for "all information related to allegations of harrassment [sic] of which the H.C.S. E.E.O.C. office is aware, including all names of those alledging [sic] misconduct." In Open Records Letter No. 98-0227 (1998), this office concluded that the system must withhold certain information on the basis of common-law privacy, and that the system release the remaining information. In your request for reconsideration, you contend that certain additional information you have marked in the document tends to identify the witnesses to the alleged harassment or the identity of the alleged victim.

We have reviewed your arguments for withholding the additional information and agree that it must be withheld under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy. Open Records Letter No. 98-0227 (1998) is overruled to the extent it conflicts with this decision.

If you have any questions regarding this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta R. DeHay".

Loretta R. DeHay  
Deputy Chief  
Open Records Division

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Ref.: ID# 114478

Enclosures: Marked documents

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