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Mr. William M. Toles  
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OR98-2630

Dear Mr. Toles:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 119381.

The City of Dallas received a request for a particular arrest report. You seek to withhold the requested information under section 552.108 of the Government Code.

Section 552.108(a)(1) excepts from required public disclosure

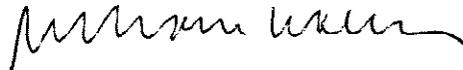
(a) Information held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime . . . if:

(1) release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime[.]

You advise that the requested report relates to an open case currently set for trial. Based on your representations, we conclude that, except for "front page" offense report information specifically made public in *Houston Chronicle Publishing Company v. City of Houston*, 531 S.W.2d 177 (Tex. Civ. App.--Houston [14th Dist.] 1975), *writ ref'd n.r.e. per curiam*, 536 S.W.2d 559 (Tex. 1976), which must be released, you may withhold the requested information at this time under section 552.108(a)(1). *See also* Gov't Code §552.108(c) (basic information about an arrested person, an arrest, or a crime not protected by section 552.108).

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,



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Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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