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Dear Ms. Hengen:

You ask this office to clarify our ruling in Open Records Letter No. 99-3560 (1999). Your request for clarification was assigned ID# 132480.

The City of El Paso (the "city") received requests for reports regarding case numbers 99-242187 involving a car registered in the State of Colorado and 99-142279 involving a car registered in the State of Texas. This office issued Open Records Letter No. 99-3560 (1999) in response to the city's request for a ruling regarding the release of personal information contained in the reports. You, now, specifically ask for clarification on page two of Open Records Letter No. 99-3560 so that the city does not improperly release confidential information. The penultimate sentence of the second full paragraph on page two of Open Records Letter No. 99-3560 should be corrected to read as follows:

"Since the information contained in case number 99-242187, relates to motor vehicle information issued by foreign entities, we conclude that you may not withhold the VINs, license plate numbers, and drivers' license information contained in this file under section 552.130."

Open Records Letter No.99-3560 (1999) is overruled to the extent that it conflicts with this ruling.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular records at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For example, governmental bodies are prohibited

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