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Dear Mr. Alcorn:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 291470.

The Grand Prairie Municipal Court (the "court") received a request for information pertaining to a named police officer including, all training records, complaints, and documents showing the officer's certificate of completion. You inform us that the court maintains no information that is responsive to this request.

Generally, the Act authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to render decisions and opinions in two situations. The first occurs when a governmental body receives a written request for information from an individual or entity acting as a member of the public and requests a ruling from this office because the governmental body wishes to withhold responsive information in accordance with one of the Act's exceptions to disclosure. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.301, .306. The second situation occurs when this office issues "materials, including detailed and comprehensive written decisions and opinions, that relate to or are based on [the Act]" in order to "maintain uniformity in the application, operation, and interpretation of [the Act.]" Gov't Code § 552.011.

You inform us that the court holds no information that is responsive to the request for information. Thus, we conclude that this situation falls outside of the Act and beyond the scope of this office's authority to render a decision regarding your request. The court is thus

not required to release any information in response to this request. *See Econ. Opportunities Dev. Corp. v. Bustamante*, 562 S.W.2d 266 (Tex. Civ. App.—San Antonio 1978, writ dismissed); Open Records Decision No. 452 at 3 (1986) (governmental body not required to disclose information that did not exist at time request was received). We therefore consider this matter closed. If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please refer to ID# 291470.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

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