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Ms. Katie Lentz  
Open Records  
Williamson County Sheriff's Office  
508 South Rock Street  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2010-00009

Dear Ms. Lentz:

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# 366030.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff") received a request for the names of all sheriff's deputies. You claim that some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.151 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.151 of the Government Code provides:

Information in the custody of a governmental body that relates to an employee or officer of the governmental body is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if, under the specific circumstances pertaining to the employee or officer, disclosure of the information would subject the employee or officer to a substantial threat of physical harm.

~~Gov't Code § 552.151. You inform us that the information you have marked relates to~~ undercover narcotics officers. You represent that release of the names of the officers at issue would subject those officers to a "substantial threat of physical harm." Based on your representations, we find that the sheriff has demonstrated that release of the names you have marked would subject those officers to a substantial threat of physical harm. We therefore

conclude that the sheriff must withhold the officer's names you have marked under section 552.151. The remaining information must be released to the requestor.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information 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 information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index\\_orl.php](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)