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Dear Mr. Bray:

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# 366299.

The Plano Police Department (the "department") received a request for the vehicle identification numbers of all vehicles involved in accidents on two specified dates in which an accident report was filed, the type of accident, and the date each accident occurred. You claim that a portion of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

We note a portion of the submitted information, which we have marked, is not responsive to the instant request for information because it does not constitute one of the three items specified in the request. This ruling will not address such non-responsive information and the department need not release it in response to this request.

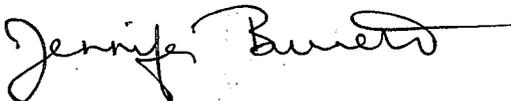
Section 552.130 provides that information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit issued by a Texas agency, registration issued by a Texas agency, or a personal identification document issued by Texas agency or a local agency authorized to issue an identification document is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(1)-(3). We note and you acknowledge, that in Attorney General Opinion GA-0673 (2008), the Attorney General found that section 552.130(a) does not prohibit a

governmental body from publicly disclosing a vehicle identification number ("VIN") if the VIN is not accompanied by or identified with any personal information about any individual. Attorney General Opinion GA-0673 (2008). Upon review, we conclude that the types and dates of the accidents at issue do not constitute personal information about any individual. Therefore, in the format submitted to this office, the submitted VINs are not accompanied by or identified with any personal information about any individual, and thus, the VINs do not relate to a motor vehicle title or registration for purposes of section 552.130. Further, the types and dates of the accidents at issue do not constitute information that is protected under section 552.130. Accordingly, the department may not withhold any of the submitted information under section 552.130 of the Government Code. As you raise no further exceptions against disclosure, the submitted responsive information must be released.

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, 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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