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Dear Mr. Griffith:

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# 379574.

The McKinney Police Department (the "department"), which you represent, received a request for any arrest warrants or search warrants generated by the arrest of a named individual. You claim that the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision" and encompasses information protected by other statutes, such as section 21.12(a) of the Penal Code. *See id.* § 552.101. Section 21.12(a) provides that a public or private school employee commits an offense if the employee engages in "sexual contact, sexual intercourse, or deviate sexual intercourse with a person who is enrolled in a public or private primary or secondary school at which the employee works and who is not the employee's spouse[.]" Penal Code § 21.12(a)(1). We further note that section 21.12(d) provides that "[t]he name of a person who is enrolled in a public or private primary or secondary school and involved in an improper relationship with an educator as provided by Subsection (a) may not be released to the public and is not public information under Chapter 552, Government Code." *Id.* § 21.12(d). Thus, the name of the student allegedly involved in an improper relationship with an educator, which we have marked, is confidential under section 21.12 and must be withheld under section 552.101 of the Government Code.

We note portions of the remaining information are subject to section 552.130 of the Government Code.¹ Section 552.130 excepts from disclosure information that "relates to . . . a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit issued by an agency of this state [or] a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state." Gov't Code § 552.130. Accordingly, the department must withhold the information we have marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code.²

In summary, the department must withhold the information we have marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 21.12 of the Penal Code. The department must withhold the information we have marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code. 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, 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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¹The Office of the Attorney General will raise mandatory exceptions on behalf of a governmental body, but ordinarily will not raise other exceptions. See Open Records Decision Nos. 481 (1987), 480 (1987), 470 (1987).

²We note this office recently issued Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009), a previous determination to all governmental bodies authorizing them to withhold ten categories of information, including certain Texas motor vehicle information under section 552.130 of the Government Code, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision.

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