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Ms. Laura Garza Jimenez  
Nueces County Attorney  
Nueces County Courthouse  
901 Leopard, Room 207  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-3680

OR2010-12972

Dear Ms. Jimenez:

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# 391558.

Nueces County (the "county") received two requests from the same requestor for the names, addresses, dates of birth, and gender of all county law enforcement personnel. You claim that the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.117 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.117(a)(2) of the Government Code excepts from public disclosure the home addresses, home telephone numbers, and social security number of a peace officer, as well as information that reveals whether the peace officer has family members, regardless of whether the peace officer complies with section 552.024 of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup> Gov't Code § 552.117(a)(2). We note that a post office box number is not a "home address" for purposes of section 552.117.<sup>2</sup> You state the home addresses you have marked belong to

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<sup>1</sup>"Peace officer" is defined by Article 2.12 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

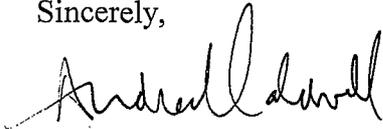
<sup>2</sup>See Gov't Code § 552.117; Open Records Decision No. 622 at 4 (1994) (legislative history makes clear that purpose of section 552.117 is to protect public employees from being harassed at home) (citing House Committee on State Affairs, Bill Analysis, H.B. 1976, 69th Leg. (1985)).

licensed peace officers. Therefore, with the exception of the post office box numbers, the county must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.117(a)(2) of the Government Code. The remaining 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](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

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(w/o enclosures)