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Mr. R. Brooks Moore
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OR2010-17283

Dear Mr. Moore:

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# 404622 (TAMU Request No. 10-527).

Texas A&M University (the "university") received a request for information relating to a traffic accident. You state that Texas driver's license and license plate numbers have been redacted from the requested information pursuant to the previous determination issued under section 552.130 of the Government Code in Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).¹ You also state that some of the requested information has been released. You claim that some of the remaining requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the information you submitted.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state. *See Gov't Code* § 552.130(a)(2). We agree that the Texas vehicle identification number you have marked must be withheld under section 552.130. This exception is not applicable, however, to out-of-state motor vehicle information. Therefore, the California vehicle identification number you have marked may not be withheld under section 552.130 and must be released. The

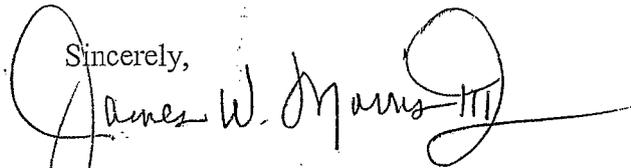
¹We note that ORD 684 is a previous determination authorizing all governmental bodies to withhold ten categories of information, including a Texas driver's license number and a Texas license plate number under section 552.130, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision.

university also must release the rest of the submitted information unless it has already done so.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. Morris III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James W. Morris, III
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 404622

Enc: Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)