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Dear Mr. Mu:

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# 401765.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a warrant issued for a named individual's arrest. You state the department has made or will make a portion of the requested information available to the requestor. You claim the remaining requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.134 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. This exception encompasses information that other statutes make confidential. You claim section 552.101 in conjunction with section 508.313 of the Government Code, which provides in part:

(a) All information obtained and maintained, including a victim protest letter or other correspondence, a victim impact statement, a list of inmates eligible for release on parole, and an arrest record of an inmate, is confidential and privileged if the information relates to:

(1) an inmate of the institutional division [of the department] subject to release on parole, release to mandatory supervision, or executive clemency;

(2) a releasee; or

(3) a person directly identified in any proposed plan of release for an inmate.

*Id.* § 508.313(a); *see id.* § 508.001(9) (“releasee” means person released on parole or to mandatory supervision). You state the submitted information is contained in a file pertaining to the named individual maintained by the department’s parole division. You also state this information was created while this individual was an inmate of the institutional division subject to release on parole, release to mandatory supervision, or executive clemency. *See id.* § 508.313(a)(1). You do not indicate that any of the information at issue is subject to release under section 508.313(c). *See id.* § 508.313(c). Upon review, this information is not made public under section 552.029 of the Government Code. *See id.* § 508.313(f). Based on your representations, we conclude that the department must withhold the submitted information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 508.313 of the Government Code. As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure.

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)