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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# 411966 (TAMU Request No. 10-660).

Texas A&M University (the "university") received a request for information relating to a traffic accident. You inform us most of the requested information has been released. You explain the university redacted Texas driver's license and license plate numbers from the responsive report pursuant to Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).¹ You state the university also withheld other motor vehicle information you claim is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. 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). This exception protects personal privacy. Thus, although the university must withhold the vehicle identification number for vehicle two under section 552.130, the requestor has a right of access under section 552.023 of the Government Code to the vehicle

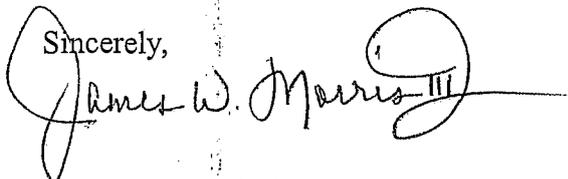
¹We note Open Records Decision No. 684 is a previous determination authorizing all governmental bodies to withhold ten categories of information without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision, including Texas driver's license and license plate numbers under section 552.130 of the Government Code.

identification number for vehicle one as an authorized representative of the insured person. *See id.* § 552.023; Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individual requests information concerning himself).² Therefore, the vehicle identification number for vehicle one may not be withheld from this requestor under section 552.130 of the Government Code and 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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(w/o enclosures)

²Section 552.023 provides in part that “[a] person or a person’s authorized representative has a special right of access, beyond the right of the general public, to information held by a governmental body that relates to the person and that is protected from public disclosure by laws intended to protect that person’s privacy interests.” Gov’t Code § 552.023(a).