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Mr. Lawrence G. Provins
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City of Pearland
3519 Liberty Drive
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OR2011-05474

Re: Request for any and all records from Pearland Police Department in connection with named individual, including but not limited to offense reports, jail records and call sheets; any and all records from Pearland Municipal Court in connection with named individual, including but not limited to copies of complaints and dispositions of charges

Dear Mr. Provins:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 421040.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. First, you indicate information responsive to item 2 is maintained by the municipal court, not the police department. Next, you claim the requested item 1 may be withheld from the requestor. A request to compile an individual's criminal history implicates this person's privacy. We have concluded such a compilation is highly embarrassing information and is generally not of legitimate concern to the public. Therefore, to the extent you maintain law enforcement records depicting the named individual as a suspect, arrestee, or criminal defendant, you must withhold the requested information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy.

For more information on the cited exception, as well as information on the rights and obligations of governmental bodies and requestors, please refer to open government information contained on the Office of the Attorney General website at www.oag.state.tx.us. You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc. Submitted documents

cc: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)