



**ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS**  
**GREG ABBOTT**

July 14, 2011

Ms. Debbie Armstrong  
Administrative Assistant  
Hood County Sheriff's Office  
400 Deputy Larry Miller Drive  
Granbury, Texas 76048

OR2011-10032

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

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# 428351.

The Hood County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff") received a request for information relating to a specified case number. You contend this request for information is subject to section 552.028 of the Government Code. You also claim the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments and reviewed the information you submitted.

Section 552.028 of the Government Code provides in part:

(a) A governmental body is not required to accept or comply with a request for information from:

- (1) an individual who is imprisoned or confined in a correctional facility; or
- (2) an agent of that individual, other than that individual's attorney when the attorney is requesting information that is subject to disclosure under [the Act].

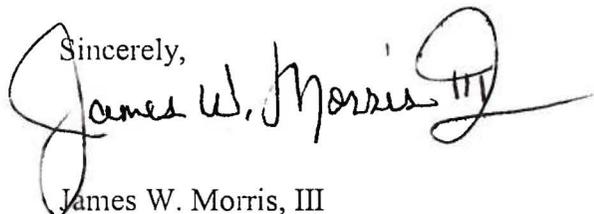
(b) This section does not prohibit a governmental body from disclosing to an individual described by Subsection (a)(1), or that individual's agent, information held by the governmental body pertaining to that individual.

Gov't Code § 552.028(a)-(b). You inform us the requestor is an inmate of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Based on your representation, we find section 552.028 is applicable in this instance. We therefore conclude the sheriff may decline to comply with this request for information pursuant to section 552.028 of the Government Code. As we are able to make this determination, we need not address your other 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,

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

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

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Enc: Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
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