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Mr. J. Frank Davis
Assistant District Attorney
Hays County
110 East Martin Luther King
San Marcos, Texas 78666

OR2011-17715

Re: Request for a copy of the Probable Cause Affidavit, exhibits or attachments, recordings, photos, notes, correspondence and any/all public information/documents in the possession of Hays County or its departments, courts, or agencies regarding a named felony criminal defendant as concerns any open or closed files

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 443927.

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. You claim the requested information 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)