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OR2011-18974

Dear Ms. Middlebrooks:

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# 445167 (DPD PIR # 2011-10773).

The Dallas Police Department (the "department") received a request for seven categories of information pertaining to service number 0005128-V. You claim some of the requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.108, and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

The submitted information includes the telephone number of a 9-1-1 caller. In Open Records Letter No. 2011-17075 (2011), this office issued a previous determination to the department authorizing the department to withhold the originating telephone number of a 9-1-1 caller furnished to the department by a service supplier established in accordance with chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code without requesting a decision from this

¹We assume the representative sample of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than those submitted to this office.

office. See Gov't Code § 552.301(a); Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (listing elements of second type of previous determination under section 552.301(a) of the Government Code). We understand the telephone number in the submitted information is the originating telephone number of a 9-1-1 caller furnished by a service supplier established in accordance with chapter 772. As such, the department must withhold the marked telephone number in accordance with the previous determination issued to the department in Open Records Letter No. 2011-17075.

Section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code excepts from disclosure “[i]nformation held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime [if] release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime[.]” Gov't Code § 552.108(a)(1). A governmental body claiming section 552.108 must reasonably explain how and why the release of the requested information would interfere with law enforcement. See *id.* §§ 552.108 (a)(1), .301(e)(1)(A); see also *Ex parte Pruitt*, 551 S.W.2d706 (Tex. 1977). You state the information you have marked relates to a suspended criminal case that will be reopened as information is developed and the statute of limitations period has not passed. Based on this representation, we conclude the release of this information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime. See *Houston Chronicle Publ'g Co. v. City of Houston*, 531 S.W.2d 177 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 1975), *writ ref'd n.r.e.*, 536 S.W.2d 559 (Tex. 1976) (court delineates law enforcement interests that are present in active cases). Therefore, the department may withhold the information you have marked under section 552.108(a)(1).

You assert some of the remaining information is excepted under section 552.130 of the Government Code, which provides that information relating to a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state, another state, or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(2). We agree the department must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.130.

In summary, the department must withhold the marked telephone number in accordance with the previous determination issued to the department in Open Records Letter No. 2011-17075. The department may withhold the information you have marked under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. The department must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The remaining information 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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Enc. Submitted documents

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