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OR2012-06805

Dear Mr. Bounds:

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# 453161 (CCPD File Number VGar1).

The Corpus Christi Police Department (the "department") received a request for photographs pertaining to a specified incident. You claim the submitted photographs are excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130(a)(2) of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information relating to "a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state or another state or country[.]" Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(2). We note some of the submitted photographs contain discernable license plate numbers and a registration sticker. You state the department does not have the technical capability to redact information from these photographs. We note, however, the photographs may be printed out, which would make it possible for the department to redact the information at issue by marking out the information on the printed photographs. Thus, the department must withhold the discernible license plate numbers and registration sticker in photographs BA9144JT, BA9144KD, BA9144KE, BA9144KG, BA9144KH, BA9144LO, BA9144MD through BA9144MI, and BA9144ML

through BA9144MP, under section 552.130(a)(2) of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup> The department must release the remaining information.

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,



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Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 453161

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)

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<sup>1</sup>We note this office issued Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009), a previous determination to all governmental bodies authorizing them to withhold ten categories of information, including a Texas license plate number and the portion of a photograph that reveals a Texas license plate number, under section 552.130 of the Government Code, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general opinion.