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OR2012-06945

Dear Ms. Graham:

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# 457187.

The Mesquite Police Department (the "department") received a request for a specified call sheet. You state the department will redact some information as authorized by Open Records Letter Nos. 2011-15075 (2011) and 2012-01375 (2012).¹ You also state the department will redact motor vehicle record information pursuant to Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).² You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under

¹Open Records Letter No. 2011-15075 is a previous determination issued to the department authorizing the department to withhold the originating telephone numbers of 9-1-1 callers 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 772.118 of the Health and Safety Code, without requesting a decision from this office. Open Records Letter No. 2012-01375 is a previous determination issued to the department authorizing the department to withhold information in a call sheet that reveals the existence of a motor vehicle lien under section 552.101 in conjunction with common-law privacy, without requesting a decision from this office.

²Open Records Decision No. 684 permits a governmental body to redact Texas license plate numbers, which are made confidential by section 552.130(a)(2) of the Government Code, without requesting an attorney general decision.

sections 552.101 and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exceptions and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note you seek to withhold vehicle price information contained in the submitted call sheet under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy. In Open Records Letter No. 2012-06459 (2012), this office issued a previous determination to the department authorizing the department to withhold the price of a motor vehicle in a call sheet under section 552.101 in conjunction with common-law privacy, without requesting a decision from this 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). Accordingly, the department must withhold the price of a motor vehicle, which you have marked, in accordance with the previous determination issued to the department in Open Records Letter No. 2012-06459.

Section 552.130 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 agree the department must withhold the motor vehicle information you have marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code.

In summary, the department must withhold the marked price of a motor vehicle in accordance with the previous determination issued to the department in Open Records Letter No. 2012-06459. The department must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The department must release the remaining information.³

You also ask this office to issue a previous determination that would permit the department to withhold information pertaining to a motor vehicle registration under section 552.130(a)(2) of the Government Code, contained in call sheets, without the necessity of requesting a decision under section 552.301 of the Government Code. We decline to issue such a previous determination at this time. Accordingly, 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,

³We note that this requestor has a special right of access under section 552.023 of the Government Code to some of the information being released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.023(a). Therefore, if the department receives another request for this information from a person who does not have a special right of access to this information, the department should resubmit this same information and request another decision from this office. *See id.* §§ 552.301(a), .302; Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001).

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 cursive script that reads "Tamara H. Holland".

Tamara H. Holland
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

THH/ag

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)