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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# 463578.

The Mesquite Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified accident. You state the department will redact some information pursuant to Open Records Letter Nos. 2012-01375 (2012), and 2012-06459 (2012).[1] You also state the department will redact license plate numbers pursuant to Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).[2] You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

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[1]Open Records Letter Nos.2012-01375,and 2012-06459 are previous determinations issued to the department authorizing the department to respectively withhold, without requesting a decision from this office: (1) information in a call sheet that reveals the existence of a motor vehicle lien under section 552.101 in conjunction with common-law privacy and (2) motor vehicle price information in a call sheet under section 552.101 in conjunction with common-law privacy.

[2]Open 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.

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). The department must withhold the motor vehicle information you have marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The department must release the remaining information.

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.

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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

cc: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)