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OR2012-11954

Dear Mr. Van Slyke:

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# 460946 (ML91-5444).

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (the "institute") received a request for the autopsy report, law enforcement reports, and certain photographs concerning a specified case. You state you will release the requested autopsy report to the requestor. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure pursuant to sections 552.101 and 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

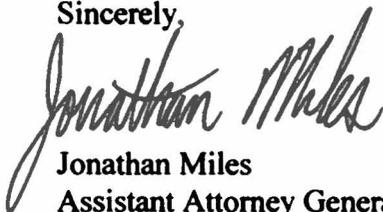
We note the submitted information is the subject of a previous ruling issued by this office. In Open Records Letter No. 2012-10861 (2012), this office determined the institute may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We understand the pertinent law, facts, and circumstances have not changed since the issuance of that prior ruling. Thus, we determine the institute must continue to rely on our ruling in Open Records Letter No. 2012-10861 as a previous determination and withhold the submitted information in accordance with that decision. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not

excepted from disclosure). As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your arguments against disclosure of the submitted 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, 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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)