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Ms. Elizabeth Lutton  
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OR2012-15156

Re: Request for an accident report regarding a multi-fatal accident on 8/21/12 at SB I-35 and Illinois; specifically whether the investigation confirmed or ruled out street racing as a cause, whether any citations were issues, if the accident was captured by cameras immediately north and south of the accident scene

Dear Ms. Lutton:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 471315.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. First, we note two memoranda, which we have marked, are not responsive to the request, and this decision does not address them. You claim the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments and the submitted information and have determined that in accordance with section 552.108(a)(1) you may withhold the submitted information. However, you must release the basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code. We note the submitted information includes a document that may have been filed with a court. Information filed with a court is generally a matter of public record and may not be withheld from disclosure. Gov't Code § 552.022(a)(17); *Star-Telegram, Inc. v. Walker*, 834 S.W.2d 54 (Tex. 1992). Thus, if the information has been filed with a court, you must release the information.

For more information on the cited exception, as well as information on the rights and obligations of governmental bodies and requestors, please refer to open government

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You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc: Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)