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Ms. Lillian Guillen Graham  
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OR2013-10021

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# 493414.

The Mesquite Police Department (the "department") received a request for a information pertaining to a specified call sheet. You state the department will withhold the price of motor vehicles pursuant to the previous determination issued in Open Records Letter No. 2012-06459 (2012).<sup>1</sup> You also state the department will withhold Texas license plate numbers pursuant to Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).<sup>2</sup> You claim portions of the submitted information 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 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is

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<sup>1</sup>Open Records Letter No. 2012-06459 authorizes the department to withhold the price of a motor vehicle in a call sheet under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy without the necessity of requesting a decision under section 552.301 of the Government Code.

<sup>2</sup>Open Records Decision No. 684 is a previous determination to all governmental bodies authorizing them to withhold certain information, including Texas license plate numbers under section 552.130 of the Government Code, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision.

excepted from public release. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130. Upon review, we find the department must withhold the motor vehicle record information you have marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code.<sup>3</sup> As you raise no further exceptions to disclosure, the department must release the remaining information.

You also ask this office to issue a previous determination that would permit the department to withhold motor vehicle record information under section 552.130(a)(2) of the Government Code 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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), 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 may be directed to 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)

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<sup>3</sup>We note, effective May 18, 2013, the Texas legislature amended section 552.130 of the Government Code to allow a governmental body to redact the information described in subsection 552.130(a)(2) without the necessity of seeking a decision from the attorney general. Act of May 6, 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., S.B. 458, § 1 (to be codified as an amendment to Gov't Code § 552.130(c)). Thus, a governmental body may begin redacting information subject to subsection 552.130(a)(2) with respect to requests for information received by the department on or after May 18, 2013. However, if a governmental body redacts such information, it must notify the requestor in accordance with section 552.130(e). *See* Gov't Code § 552.130(d), (e).