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OR2013-11110

Dear Ms. Hickman:

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# 491635.

The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received a request for photographs, video or audio information, and a certified copy of the crash report pertaining to a specified incident. You state the department has released or will release some of the requested information. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.147 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

We note the video recordings contain information that is subject to section 552.130 of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup> Section 552.130(a)(2) provides information relating to a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of Texas or another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(2). Upon our review, we find all but one of the submitted video recordings contain discernible license plate numbers that are subject to section 552.130(a)(2). You state the department does not have the technological capability

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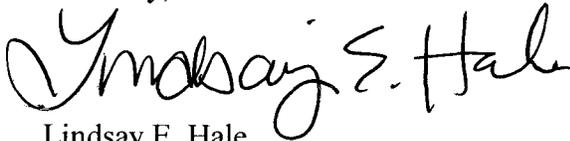
<sup>1</sup>The Office of the Attorney General will raise a mandatory exception on behalf of a governmental body, but ordinarily will not raise other exceptions. See Open Records Decision Nos. 481 (1987), 480 (1987), 470 (1987).

to redact the information from the recordings. Accordingly, we conclude the department must withhold the video recordings we have indicated in their entirety under section 552.130(a)(2).<sup>2</sup> As you raise no further exceptions to disclosure for the remaining information, it must be released.

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>2</sup>As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your arguments against disclosure of this information.