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Dear Mr. Angle:

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# 528203.

The City of Jacksonville (the "city"), which you represent, received a request for information regarding a specified incident. You assert the city is not required to comply with the request for information pursuant to section 552.028 of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments. We have also considered arguments submitted by the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit written comments stating why information should or should not be released).

Section 552.028 of the Government Code provides in part the following:

(a) A governmental body is not required to accept or comply with a request for information from:

(1) an individual who is imprisoned or confined in a correctional facility; or

(2) an agent of that individual, other than that individual's attorney when the attorney is requesting information that is subject to disclosure under [the Act].

(b) This section does not prohibit a governmental body from disclosing to an individual described by Subsection (a)(1), or that individual's agent, information held by the governmental body pertaining to that individual.

(c) In this section, "correctional facility" means:

- (1) a secure correctional facility, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code;
- (2) a secure correctional facility and a secure detention facility, as defined by Section 51.02, Family Code; and
- (3) a place designated by the law of this state, another state, or the federal government for the confinement of a person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a criminal offense.

*Id.* § 552.028(a)-(c). The city informs us the requestor is an incarcerated individual. Based on our this representation, we agree the city is not required to accept or comply with the request for information pursuant to section 552.028 of the Government Code.

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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c: Requestor