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Ms. Katie Lentz
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Williamson County Sheriff's Office
508 South Rock Street
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OR2014-18584

Dear Ms. Lentz:

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# 540262.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information regarding a specified incident. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

We note the requestor specifically excluded from the request social security numbers, Texas driver's license numbers, Texas license plate numbers, and vehicle identification numbers. Therefore, those types of information are not responsive to the present request for information. Accordingly, the sheriff's office need not release such information in response to the request.

However, you assert the submitted recordings contain driver's license and license plate numbers that the sheriff's office lacks the technological capability to redact. Consequently, you seek to withhold this information in its entirety under section 552.130 of the Government Code. Section 552.130 provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit, a motor vehicle title or registration, or a personal identification document issued by an agency of Texas or another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a).

Upon review, we find portions of the submitted video recordings contain information subject to section 552.130. Because the sheriff's office does not have the technological capability to redact this information from the video recordings, the sheriff's office must withhold them in their entireties under section 552.130 of the Government Code. However, we find the 9-1-1 audio recording does not contain discernible information that is subject to section 552.130. As such, the sheriff's office may not withhold any portion of the audio recording on that basis.

In summary, the sheriff's office must withhold the video recordings in their entireties under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The remaining responsive information, including the 9-1-1 audio recording, 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, 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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)