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Ms. Judy Hickman
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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# 543909.

The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received a request for audio recordings of officers on scene at a specified incident. You state the department will release some information to the requestor. You claim some of the submitted information is not subject to the Act. We have considered the submitted arguments 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 excepted from public release. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130(a). The submitted video recording contains motor vehicle record information that is subject to section 552.130. The department states it lacks the technical capability to redact information from the video recording. Based on this representation, we find the department must withhold the submitted video recording in its entirety under section 552.130 of the Government Code.¹

¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address the department's argument that a portion of the submitted video recording is not subject to the Act.

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

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(w/o enclosures)