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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Kristie L. Lewis
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Houston Police Department
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Houston, Texas 77002-6000

OR2016-00401

Re: Request for copies of any records or files maintained by the Houston Police Department Crime Lab Division regarding the investigation of the murders of named individuals; incident no. 070612300 on 06/02/00; [ORU No. 15-8001]

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 600744.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments and the submitted information and have determined that in accordance with section 552.108(a)(1) you may withhold the submitted information. However, you must release the basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code. We note the submitted information includes a document that may have been filed with a court. Information filed with a court is generally a matter of public record and may not be withheld from disclosure. Gov't Code § 552.022(a)(17); *Star-Telegram, Inc. v. Walker*, 834 S.W.2d 54 (Tex. 1992). Thus, if the information has been filed with a court, you must release the information.

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/memorulings.shtml>. You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc: Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)