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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Lt. Ricardo Gonzalez  
Laredo Police Department  
4712 Maher Avenue  
Laredo, Texas 78041

OR2016-18962

Dear Lt. Gonzalez:

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# 623787 (Reference No. W006138-060116).

The Laredo Police Department (the "department") received a request for information related to a specified incident.<sup>1</sup> You state you have released some information to the requestor with redactions pursuant to section 552.136 of the Government Code.<sup>2</sup> You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document

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<sup>1</sup>The department states it sought and received clarification of the request. *See* Gov't Code § 552.222(b) (providing that if request for information is unclear, governmental body may ask requestor to clarify the request); *see also* *City of Dallas v. Abbott*, 304 S.W.3d 380, 387 (Tex. 2010) (holding that when a governmental entity, acting in good faith, requests clarification or narrowing of an unclear or overbroad request for public information, the ten-day period to request an attorney general ruling is measured from the date the request is clarified or narrowed).

<sup>2</sup>Section 552.136(c) of the Government Code permits a governmental body to withhold the information described in section 552.136(b) without the necessity of seeking a decision from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.136(c). If a governmental body redacts such information, it must notify the requestor in accordance with section 552.136(e). *See id.* § 552.136(d), (e).

issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release.<sup>3</sup> *See* Gov't Code § 552.130. We find the submitted video recordings contain license plate numbers. We understand the department does not possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Thus, we find the department must withhold the submitted video recordings in their entireties under section 552.130 of the Government Code.<sup>4</sup> *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).

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>3</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).

<sup>4</sup>As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your argument against disclosure of the submitted information.