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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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

OR2016-23251

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# 630600 (Reference No. W006352-072716).

The Laredo Police Department (the "department") received a request for eleven categories of information pertaining to a specified motor vehicle accident pertaining to the requestor's client and another named individual. You state you have released some information to the requestor. You indicate the department will redact information pursuant to section 552.136 of the Government Code.¹ 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 of the Government Code 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

¹Section 552.136(c) of the Government Code allows a governmental body to redact the information described in section 552.136(b) without the necessity of seeking a decision from the attorney general. 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).

from public release.² Gov't Code § 552.130(a). Upon review, we find the submitted video recordings contain motor vehicle record information subject to section 552.130. You state the department does not have the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information from the recordings. Accordingly, the department must withhold the submitted video recordings in their entirety under section 552.130 of the Government Code.³ 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, 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)

²The Office of the Attorney General will raise mandatory exceptions on behalf of a governmental body, but ordinarily will not raise other exceptions. See Open Records Decision Nos. 481 (1987), 480 (1987), 470 (1987).

³As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your argument against disclosure.