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OR2016-24625

Re: Request for dash cam video with audio of all units at crash scene on 09/26/16, case no. 2016023119

Dear Ms. Hickman:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 640364.

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.<sup>1</sup> You claim the video recording must be withheld from the requestor in its entirety pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code because you lack the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information not pertaining to the requestor from the recording. Thus, we agree you must withhold the video recording in accordance with section 552.130 of the Government Code.

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

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<sup>1</sup>We note the department failed to comply with section 552.301 of the Government Code in requesting a ruling; however, section 552.130 of the Government Code is a mandatory exception that constitutes a compelling reason to withhold information sufficient to overcome the presumption of openness caused by a failure to comply with section 552.301. See Gov't Code §§ 552.007, .301, .302, .352. Accordingly, we will consider the department's argument under section 552.130.