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The Honorable Wilson E. Speir  
Director, Texas Department  
of Public Safety  
Box 4087  
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Open Records Decision No. 79

Re: Availability under the Open  
Records Act of Department  
of Public Safety investigation  
of bail bond business

Dear Colonel Speir:

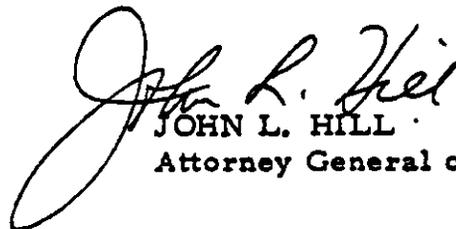
You request our opinion whether a criminal investigation report of the bail bond business made by the Texas Department of Public Safety is public information under the Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V. T. C. S.

All information compiled by a governmental body is public, unless such information falls within one of the exceptions set out in section 3 of the Act. Section 3(a)(8) exempts from disclosure:

records of law enforcement agencies that deal with the detection and investigation of crime and the internal records and notations of such law enforcement agencies which are maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement. . . .

The criminal investigation report requested to be disclosed is clearly within the exception set out above and is therefore not subject to disclosure.

Very truly yours,

  
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Opinion Committee