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OR90-320

Dear Mr. Gault:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 9814.

The City of Mineral Wells received an open records request for "all reports, investigations, statements, memoranda, and any other documents" that pertain to a particular arson incident. We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically section 3(a)(8), and have reviewed representative samples of the documents at issue. A previous determination of this office, Open Records Decision No. 127 (1976), a copy of which is enclosed, resolves your request. You must release the front page of the initial offense report. On the other hand, you may withhold pursuant to section 3(a)(8) the remaining portions of the police reports during the pendency of the criminal investigation.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-320.

Yours very truly,

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Opinion Committee

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 127

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