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Mr. Jerry A. Parker
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OR95-1164

Dear Mr. Parker:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, Government Code chapter 552. We assigned your request ID# 30566.

The City of Vidor (the "city") has received a request for a certain police report. You have submitted the requested police report to us for review and claim that sections 552.101 and 552.108 of the Government Code except it from required public disclosure.

Section 552.101 of the act excepts "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." You assert section 552.101 in conjunction with section 51.14(d) of the Family Code. Section 51.14(d) of the Family Code, as amended by Act of May 22, 1993, 73d Leg., R.S., ch. 461, § 3, 1850, 1852, provides, in pertinent part:

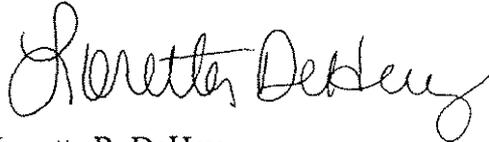
Except as provided by Article 15.27, Code of Criminal Procedure, and except for files and records relating to a charge for which a child is transferred under Section 54.02 of this code to a criminal court for prosecution, the law-enforcement files and records [concerning a child] are not open to public inspection nor may their contents be disclosed to the public

See also Open Records Decision No. 181 (1977) at 2 (holding that police reports which identify juveniles or furnish basis for their identification are excepted by Fam. Code § 51.14(d)).

We have examined the information submitted to us for review. We conclude that it identifies a juvenile or furnishes a basis for a juvenile's identification. Moreover, none of the exceptions to the confidentiality provision set forth in section 51.14(d) apply in this instance. Accordingly, the police report must be withheld from required public disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 51.14(d) of the Family Code.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and may not be relied upon as a previous determination under section 552.301 regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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