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Captain Robert Taylor
Amarillo Police Department
200 East 3rd
Amarillo, Texas 79101-1514

OR97-1849

Dear Captain Taylor:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 108675.

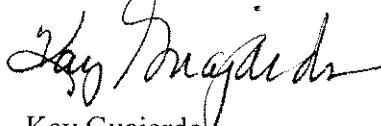
The Amarillo Police Department (the "department") received a request for the police reports concerning a named individual. You assert that the requested information is excepted from public disclosure based on sections 552.101 and 552.108 of the Government Code.

Responding to this request requires the department to compile offense reports in which the named individual is listed as a suspect. The release of a compilation of offense reports in which an individual is listed as the suspect implicates that individual's common-law right to privacy. *See United States Dept' of Justice v. Reporters Comm. For Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749 (1989), *Houston Chronicle Publishing Co.*, 531 S.W.2d at 179. Accordingly, the city must not release such a compilation. Gov't Code § 552.101; *see also Industrial Found. of the S. v. Texas Indus. Accident Bd.*, 540 S.W.2d 668 (Tex. 1976), *cert. denied*, 430 U.S. 931 (1977).

We are resolving this matter with this 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 regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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