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OR98-1666

Dear Ms. Brown:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 116744.

The Dallas Police Department (the "department") received a request for offense and arrest reports related to service number 1083196-C. You assert that the requested information is excepted from required public disclosure based on section 552.108 of the Government Code.

Section 552.108 of the Government Code reads in pertinent part as follows:

(a) Information held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if:

(1) release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime

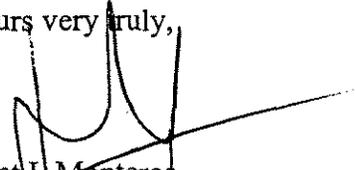
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(c) This section does not except from the requirements of Section 552.021 information that is basic information about an arrested person, an arrest, or a crime.

You have submitted to this office a memorandum from the Crimes Against Persons Division of the department which state that the particular murder offense remains open and still under investigation. We therefore believe that release of the requested information at this time would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of the case. Therefore, except for basic information, the department may withhold the requested information under section 552.108(a)(1).

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 should not be relied on as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have any questions regarding this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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