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Dear Mr. Toles:

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# 116609.

The Dallas Police Department (the "department") received a request for a copy of the sexual offender registration and the offense reports related to service number 0082896-F. You claim that some of the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." This section encompasses information protected by other statutes. Article 62.08 of the Code of Criminal Procedure provides that all information contained in either an adult's or juvenile's sex offender registration form and subsequently entered into the Department of Public Safety database is public information and must be released upon written request except for the registrant's photograph, social security number, driver's license number, numeric street address and telephone number, and any information that on its face would directly reveal the identity of the victim. You seek to withhold the registrant's numeric street address and driver's license number from the offense report. Because the requestor seeks the offense report of a person that the city has identified as a registered sex offender, we conclude that, in this instance, the marked information may be withheld from disclosure under section 552.101 in conjunction with article 62.08 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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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