



Office of the Attorney General
State of Texas

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Ms. Christine Mirbagheri
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City of Dallas
Municipal Building
Dallas, Texas 75201

OR98-2117

Dear Ms. Mirbagheri:

You have asked whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 117754.

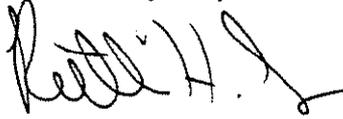
The City of Dallas (the "city") received a request for information pertaining to a police shooting.¹ You submitted to this office as responsive to this request sample "Youth/Gang Unit" cards that show information on gang activity.² You contend that these cards are excepted from disclosure in their entirety under section 552.108 of the Government Code. Section 552.108(b)(1) provides an exception for an internal record of a law enforcement agency that is maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement or prosecution if "release of the internal record or notation would interfere with law enforcement or prosecution." You assert that release of the submitted records would interfere with crime prevention and law enforcement. We agree. Therefore, the information at issue may be withheld from disclosure under section 552.108(b)(1).

¹The request states that it is a "second request" for this information. You indicate that this is the first request received by the city for this information.

²We assume that the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision No. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). Here, we do not address any other requested records to the extent that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

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 upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth H. Soucy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ruth" being the most prominent.

Ruth H. Soucy
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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