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Mr. Oscar J. Garcia  
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Re: Request for Case No. 07-40854

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 288775.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined that your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim that the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor. We have considered your arguments and the submitted information and have determined that in accordance with section 261.201 of the Family Code, you must withhold the submitted information.<sup>1</sup>

For more information on the cited exception, as well as information on the rights and obligations of governmental bodies and requestors, please refer to open government

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<sup>1</sup>We note that if the investigation has been referred to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (the "department"), a parent who is a requestor may be entitled to access to the department's records. Section 261.201(f) of the Family Code provides that the department, upon request and subject to its own rules:

shall provide to the parent, managing conservator, or other legal representative of a child who is the subject of reported abuse or neglect information concerning the reported abuse or neglect that would otherwise be confidential under this section if the department has edited the information to protect the confidentiality of the identity of the person who made the report and any other person whose life or safety may be endangered by the disclosure.

Fam. Code §261.201(f).

information contained on the Office of the Attorney General website at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).  
You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc. Submitted documents

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