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Mr. Ronald J. Bounds
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Dear Mr. Bounds:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 454976 (CCPD File No. OTij1).

The Corpus Christi Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a traffic accident that occurred on March 2, 2012. You state the department has provided some responsive information to the requestor. You claim the submitted photographs are excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title, or registration issued by a Texas agency. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(1), (2). You claim section 552.130 for the Texas license plate numbers in the submitted photographs. We note only one of the submitted photographs contains Texas license plate numbers. You state the department does not have the technical capability to redact the Texas license plate numbers from the photograph at issue. We note, however, the photograph may be printed out, which would make it possible for the department to redact the license plate numbers by marking out the information on the printed photograph. Accordingly, the department must withhold the Texas license plate numbers from the photograph at issue under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The department must release the redacted photograph and the other submitted photographs to the requestor.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)