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OR2013-05962

Dear Ms. Hight:

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# 487850.

The City of Cleburne (the "city") received a request for a specified offense report. You claim the submitted 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 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. Section 552.101 encompasses information that other statutes make confidential, such as section 58.007 of the Family Code. Juvenile law enforcement records relating to conduct that occurred on or after September 1, 1997 are confidential under section 58.007. For purposes of section 58.007(c), "child" means a person who is ten years of age or older and under seventeen years of age. *See* Fam. Code § 51.02(2). Section 58.007 provides in pertinent part as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), law enforcement records and files concerning a child and information stored, by electronic means or otherwise, concerning the child from which a record or file could be generated may not be disclosed to the public and shall be:

(1) if maintained on paper or microfilm, kept separate from adult files and records;

(2) if maintained electronically in the same computer system as records or files relating to adults, be accessible under controls that are separate and distinct from controls to access electronic data concerning adults; and

(3) maintained on a local basis only and not sent to a central state or federal depository, except as provided by Subchapters B, D, and E.

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(e) Law enforcement records and files concerning a child may be inspected or copied by a juvenile justice agency as that term is defined by Section 58.101, a criminal justice agency as that term is defined by Section 411.082, Government Code, the child, and the child's parent or guardian.

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(j) Before a child or a child's parent or guardian may inspect or copy a record or file concerning the child under Subsection (e), the custodian of the record or file shall redact:

(1) any personally identifiable information about a juvenile suspect, offender, victim, or witness who is not the child; and

(2) any information that is excepted from required disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, or other law.

*Id.* § 58.007(c), (e), (j). Upon review, we agree that the submitted report involves juvenile delinquent conduct occurring after September 1, 1997; therefore, the submitted report is subject to section 58.007. However, we note the requestor may be the parent or guardian of one of the juvenile offenders, and thus, might have a right of access to information otherwise made confidential by section 58.007(c). *See id.* § 58.007(e). As we are unable to determine whether the requestor is a parent or guardian of the juvenile offender at issue, we must rule conditionally. If the city determines the requestor is not the parent or guardian of the juvenile offender at issue, the city must withhold the responsive information in its entirety under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 58.007(c) of the Family Code. If the city determines the requestor is the parent or guardian of the juvenile offender at issue, the city may not withhold these records from the requestor on the basis of

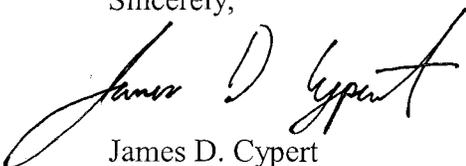
section 58.007(c). However, section 58.007(j)(1) provides any personally identifiable information concerning other juvenile suspects, offenders, victims, or witnesses must be redacted. *See id.* § 58.007(j)(1). Accordingly, in the event the requestor is the parent or guardian of the juvenile offender at issue, the city must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 58.007(j)(1) of the Family Code.

In summary, if the city determines the requestor is not the parent or guardian of the juvenile offender at issue, the city must withhold the responsive information in its entirety under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 58.007(c) of the Family Code. If the city determines the requestor is the parent or guardian of the juvenile offender at issue, the city must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 58.007(j)(1) of the Family Code, but must release the remaining information 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](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)