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Mr. Vance Hinds
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County of Ellis
Ellis County Courts Building
109 South Jackson
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

OR2015-14493

Dear Mr. Hinds:

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# 577507.

The Ellis County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

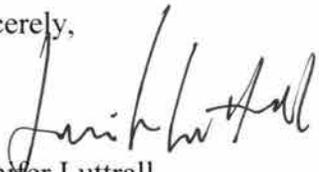
Initially, we note the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2011-13270 (2011). In that ruling, we concluded the sheriff's office (1) may continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2010-12057 (2010) as a previous determination and withhold or release the previously ruled upon information in accordance with that ruling; (2) may withhold certain information under section 552.108(a)(2) of the Government Code; and (3) must release the remaining information. As we have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed, the sheriff's office may continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2011-13270 as a previous determination and withhold or release the submitted information in accordance with that ruling. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where

requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure). As we are able to make this determination, we need not address your argument against disclosure.

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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, 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 may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)