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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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OR2015-14941

Dear Mr. Ready:

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# 572494.

The Galveston County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a named sheriff's deputy. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.102, 552.103, 552.108, 552.117, 552.122, 552.130, 552.137, and 552.147 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note the requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2015-06728 (2015). In Open Records Letter No. 2015-06728, we ruled that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement identification number is not subject to the Act and the sheriff's office is not required to release it to the requestor, and the sheriff's office may withhold the responsive information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Accordingly, we conclude the sheriff's office may continue to rely on Open Records Letter 2015-06728 as a previous determination and withhold the responsive information in accordance that ruling.¹ See Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long

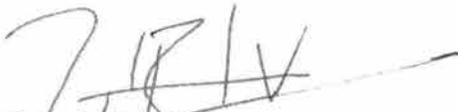
¹As we reach this determination, we need not address your arguments against disclosure.

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).

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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)