



KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

July 23, 2015

Ms. Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
General Counsel Division
Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

OR2015-15040

Dear Ms. Downey:

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# 572736 (OAG PIR No. 15-41428).

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") received a request for CJ-11A reports completed by the OAG during a specified time period as part of the United States Department of Justice's (the "DOJ") Death in Custody Reporting Program. You state, although the OAG takes no position with respect to the requested information, its release may implicate the interests of the DOJ. Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation demonstrating, the OAG notified the DOJ of the request for information of its right to submit arguments stating why the requested information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested third party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

¹This letter ruling assumes the submitted representative sample of information is truly representative of the requested information as a whole. This ruling does not reach, and therefore does not authorize, the withholding of any other requested information to the extent the other information is substantially different than that submitted to this office. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.301(e)(1)(D), .302; Open Records Decision Nos. 499 at 6 (1988), 497 at 4 (1988).

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the DOJ explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the OAG must release the requested information.

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,



Kristi L. Godden
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

KLK/cz

Ref: ID# 572736

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

Mr. Peter Bryan
General Counsel
Bureau of Justice Statistics
U.S. Department of Justice
810 7th Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20531
(w/o enclosures)