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Ms. Laura Anne Coats
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OR2015-15254

Dear Ms. Coats:

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# 572989.

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office (the "district attorney's office") received a request for all documents, including certain types of records, pertaining to a specified case. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.108, 552.130, and 552.1325 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹ We have also considered comments submitted by the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released).

You state the requested information was the subject of a previous request for a ruling, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2015-13243 (2015). In that ruling, we determined the district attorney's office must release the court-filed documents we marked pursuant to section 552.022(a)(17) of the Government Code and, with the

¹We assume the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and, therefore, does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

exception of basic information, may withhold the remaining information under section 552.108(a)(4) of the Government Code. We have no indication the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Thus, the district attorney's office must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2015-13243 as a previous determination and withhold or release the requested 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 a 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)