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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

November 23, 2015

Ms. Judy Hickman
Assistant Supervisor Records Division
Beaumont Police Department
P.O. Box 3827
Beaumont, Texas 77704

OR2015-24606

Dear Ms. Hickman:

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# 588298 (Beaumont File No. 2015006513).

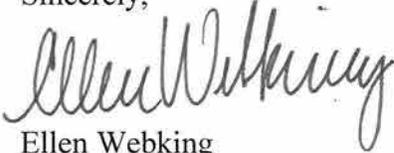
The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified case number. You state you have released some information to the requestor. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.147 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.147 of the Government Code provides that "[t]he social security number of a living person is excepted from" required public disclosure under the Act. Gov't Code § 552.147(a). The submitted video recording contains an audible social security number that is excepted from disclosure under section 552.147 of the Government Code. The audio portions of the recording are intertwined with the video portions of the recording. You state the department does not have the technological capability to redact the social security number from the recording. Therefore, the department may withhold the submitted video recording in its entirety under section 552.147(a) of the Government Code.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ellen Webking".

Ellen Webking
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 588298

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)