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Dear Ms. Harris:

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# 590443.

The Paris Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified motor vehicle accident. The department states it is releasing some information with redactions made pursuant to section 552.130(c) of the Government Code.¹ The department claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the department claims and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit, a motor vehicle title or registration, or a personal identification document issued by an agency of Texas or another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a). Upon review, we find the submitted video recording and a portion of the audio recording, which we have indicated, contain information subject to section 552.130. The department states it does not have the technological

¹Section 552.130(c) of the Government Code allows a governmental body to redact the information described in subsection 552.130(a) without the necessity of seeking a decision from the attorney general. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130(c). If a governmental body redacts such information, it must notify the requestor in accordance with section 552.130(e). *See id.* § 552.130(d), (e).

capability to redact the motor vehicle record information from the recordings. However, because the department had the ability to copy the submitted audio recording for our review, we believe the department has the capability to produce a copy of only the non-confidential portions of the audio recording. Accordingly, the department must withhold the submitted video recording in its entirety and the motor vehicle record information we have indicated in the audio recording under section 552.130 of the Government Code. As the department raises no further exceptions against disclosure, the remaining information must be released.

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

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(w/o enclosures)