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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Crystal Koonce
Open Records
County of Williamson
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Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2015-26687

Dear Ms. Koonce:

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# 591233.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified accident involving a named individual, including video recordings, photographs, witness statements, handwritten notes, accident report information, audio recordings of 9-1-1 calls, witness information, and police reports. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information. We have also received and considered comments from a representative of the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released).

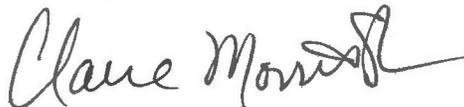
Initially, we note you have submitted only information responsive to the portion of the request seeking video recordings. To the extent any additional information responsive to the request existed on the date the sheriff's office received the request, we assume the sheriff's office has released it. If the sheriff's office has not released any such information, it must do so at this time. *See id.* §§ 552.301(a), .302; *see also* Open Records Decision No. 664 (2000) (if governmental body concludes no exceptions apply to requested information, it must release information as soon as possible).

Some of the submitted information is subject to section 552.130 of the Government Code.¹ Section 552.130 excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130. The submitted video recording contains motor vehicle record information that is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130. In this instance, you state the sheriff's office does not possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Thus, we find the sheriff's office must withhold the entirety of the submitted video recording under section 552.130 of the Government Code.² *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).

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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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

¹The Office of the Attorney General will raise a mandatory exception on behalf of a governmental body, but ordinarily will not raise other exceptions. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 481 (1987), 480 (1987), 470 (1987).

²As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your argument against disclosure of the submitted information.