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Dear Ms. Cost:

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# 601732 (PIR Nos. 15-6524 and 15-6554).

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the "department") received two requests from different requestors for a copy of a specified investigation regarding the death of a named individual. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

The submitted information was the subject of previous requests for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2015-20755 (2015) and 2015-24500 (2015). We have no indication there has been any change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous rulings were based. Accordingly, the department may rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2015-20755 and 2015-24500 as previous determinations and withhold or release the submitted information in accordance with those rulings. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and

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 that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

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 prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).²

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: 2 Requestors
(w/o enclosures)

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