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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Mr. M. Matthew Ribitzki  
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141 West Renfro  
Burleson, Texas 76028

OR2016-02850

Re: Request for police reports for the last 24 months for a named address

Dear Mr. Ribitzki:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 604096.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments and the submitted information and have determined that in accordance with section 552.108(a)(1) you may withhold the submitted information. However, you must release the basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code. We note Exhibit B includes documents that may have been filed with a court. Information filed with a court is generally a matter of public record and may not be withheld from disclosure. Gov't Code § 552.022(a)(17); *Star-Telegram, Inc. v. Walker*, 834 S.W.2d 54 (Tex. 1992). Thus, if the information has been filed with a court, you must release the information. Furthermore, you must withhold the date of birth in Exhibit C pursuant to section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy. *Paxton v. City of Dallas*, No. 03-13-00546-CV, 2015 WL 3394061, at \*3 (Tex. App.—Austin May 22, 2015, pet. denied) (mem. op.). We note information filed with a court is not protected by common-law privacy. See Gov't Code § 552.022(a)(17); *Star-Telegram*, 834 S.W.2d at 57-58 (common-law privacy not applicable to court-filed document).

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/memorulings.shtml>. You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc: Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)