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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Molly Cost
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OR2016-03529

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# 604110 (DPS PIR # 16-0120).

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. You claim the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim.

You inform us the requested information was the subject of a previous requests for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2016-01993 (2016). In that ruling, we concluded that 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. We have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which Open Records Letter No. 2016-01993 was based have changed. Accordingly, we conclude the department may continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2016-01993 as a previous determination and withhold the requested information in accordance with that ruling. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, 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).

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 black ink, appearing to read "J. Harvey", written over the printed name.

Jesse Harvey
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

JH/eb

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c: Requestor