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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Crystal Koonce
Open Records
Williamson County Sheriff's Office
508 South Rock Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2016-04797

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# 599938.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. You state you are releasing some information to the requestor. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

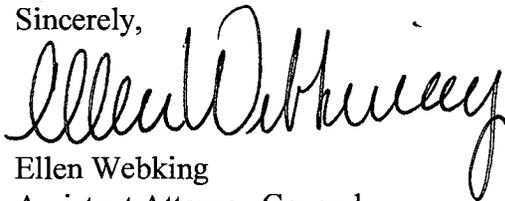
Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a). We note section 552.130 protects privacy interests. Further, some of the information at issue may belong to the requestor's client. The requestor has a right of access to her client's motor vehicle record information pursuant to section 552.023 of the Government Code. *See id.* § 552.023 ("person's authorized representative has a special right of access, beyond the right of the general public, to information held by a governmental body that relates to the person and that is protected from public disclosure by laws intended to protect that person's privacy interests"); *see* Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individual requests information concerning himself). Thus, to the extent the information you have marked, or the additional information we have marked, consists of the requestor's client's motor vehicle record information, the sheriff's office may not withhold any such information

under section 552.130 of the Government Code. Upon review of the remaining information at issue, we note the submitted video recordings contain motor vehicle record information pertaining to individuals other than the requestor's client, and you state the sheriff's office lacks the technological capability to redact that information from the video recordings. Based on this representation, we agree the sheriff's office must withhold the submitted video recordings in their entirety under section 552.130 of the Government Code.¹ See Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983). Further, with the exception of any motor vehicle record information pertaining to the requestor's client, the sheriff's office must withhold the information you have marked, in addition to the information we have marked, under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The sheriff's office must release the remaining information.

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: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure of this information.