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Dear Ms. Hickman:

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# 611310.

The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. You state the department has released some information to the requestor. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.130 and 552.147 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

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. We note some of the submitted video recordings, which we have marked, contain motor vehicle record information that is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130. You state the department does not possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Thus, we conclude the department must withhold the video recordings we have marked in their entireties under section 552.130 of the Government Code.¹ *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983). However, none of the

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

remaining video recordings contain information subject to section 552.130, and the department may not withhold any of the remaining video recordings on that basis.

Section 552.147 of the Government Code provides that “[t]he social security number of a living person is excepted from” required public disclosure under the Act. Gov’t Code § 552.147(a). Upon review, we find no portion of the remaining video recordings contains social security numbers subject to section 552.147, and the department may not withhold any of the remaining video recordings on that basis.

In summary, the department must withhold the video recordings we have marked in their entirety under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The department must release the remaining video recordings.

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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