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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Marium Uddin
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Dallas County District Attorney's Office
411 Elm Street, 5th Floor
Dallas, Texas 75202

OR2016-13261

Dear Ms. Uddin:

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# 613655.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office (the "medical examiner's office") received a request for seven categories of information pertaining to the death of a named individual. You state the medical examiner's office does not possess some of the requested information.¹ You take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act. However, you state you notified an interested individual of the request for information and of her right to submit arguments to this office as to why the information at issue should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit written comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the interested individual explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released

¹The Act does not require a governmental body to release information that did not exist when a request for information was received or to prepare new information in response to a request. *See Econ. Opportunities Dev. Corp. v. Bustamante*, 562 S.W.2d 266, 267-68 (Tex. Civ. App.—San Antonio 1978, writ dismissed); Open Records Decision Nos. 605 at 2 (1992), 452 at 3 (1986), 362 at 2 (1983).

to the requestor. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the submitted information must be released.

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 "Lee Seidlits", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lee Seidlits
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)