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Dear Ms. Walton:

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# 620427.

The Hardin County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

You inform us the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2014-23052 (2014). In that ruling, we concluded the sheriff's office must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2014-18849 (2014) as a previous determination and withhold or release the identical information in accordance with that ruling and the sheriff's office may withhold the remaining information at issue under section 552.108(a)(2) of the Government Code. As we have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed, the sheriff's office must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2014-23052 as a previous determination and withhold or release the submitted information in accordance with that ruling.¹ See Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so

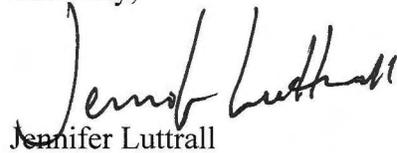
¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your argument under section 552.108 of the Government Code.

long as law, facts, and 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,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)