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Mr. Gary Grief
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Dear Mr. Grief:

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# 622174 (TLC File# L-21429).

The Texas Lottery Commission (the "commission") received a request for the day and time a specified winning lottery ticket was sold. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note most of the submitted information is not responsive to the instant request for information. This ruling does not address the public availability of any information that is not responsive to the request and the commission is not required to release such information in response to this request.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. This section encompasses section 466.022(b) of the Government Code, which provides, in part, the following information is confidential and exempt from disclosure:

- (1) security plans and procedures of the commission designed to ensure the integrity and security of the operation of the lottery; [and]

(2) information of a nature that is designed to ensure the integrity and security of the selection of winning tickets or numbers in the lottery, other than information describing the general procedures for selecting winning tickets or numbers[.]

Id. § 466.022(b)(1)–(2). You state the date and time you highlighted are transactional details the release of which could compromise the integrity and security of the lottery. You further state the information at issue is designed to ensure the integrity and security of the selection of winning tickets or numbers in the lottery. Upon review, we conclude the commission must withhold the information you highlighted under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 466.022(b) of the Government Code.

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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