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OPINION COMMITTEE

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Dear Sir:

I would like to request an opinion on behalf of our Crane County Sheriff, Robert Deleon, who has been threatened by Pascual Olivas dba Freedom Bail Bonds with a lawsuit claiming that he has not complied with the Open Records Act. Mr. Olivas has requested a copy of the Sheriff's Department written memorandum concerning someone making a bail bond in Crane County, Texas. The Sheriff's Department has never had a written procedure concerning bail bonds made by bonding companies outside of Crane County. I would also like to point out that Crane is a non-bail board county.

I would like to request an opinion as to whether or not an individual's financial statement placed with the County Sheriff's Department comes under the Open Records Act and must be disclosed to any individual who requests such a copy. Since financial statements normally have Social Security Numbers and Bank account numbers, it seems that these financial statements would come under an exception to the Public Information Act.

Please furnish an opinion concerning these financial statements which are given to the Sheriff's Department and if these must be made public and furnished to individuals requesting such information.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



James McDonald
Crane County Attorney

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