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Ms. Judy Hickman
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OR2015-07305

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# 562806 (BPD# 2015002584).

The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received a request for any records pertaining to a specified motor vehicle accident. You state you have released some information to the requestor, including the CR-3 crash report pursuant to section 550.065 of the Transportation Code. *See* Transp. Code § 550.065(c)(4) (providing for release of accident report if requestor provides two of following three pieces of information: (1) date of accident, (2) name of any person involved in accident, and (3) specific location of accident). You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.147 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

We note the submitted video recording contains motor vehicle record information subject to section 552.130 of the Government Code.¹ Section 552.130 provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit, a motor vehicle title or registration, or a personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another

¹The Office of the Attorney General will raise a mandatory exception on behalf of a governmental body, but ordinarily will not raise other exceptions. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 481 (1987), 480 (1987), 470 (1987).

state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a). You state the department lacks the technological capability to redact information from the video recording. Based on this representation, we conclude the department must withhold the submitted video recording in its entirety under section 552.130 of the Government Code. *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).²

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)

²As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your argument against disclosure.