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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Mr. Ramit Plushnick-Masti
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OR2015-14888

Re: Request for the ballistic reports for HPD firearms case nos. 563-00 and 564-00; all lab notes regarding said cases, specifically including handwritten or other written bench notes made by the firearms examiner at the time of exam; the entire lab file for each case; all docs and notes underlying the reports issued in these cases; etc.; [incident no. 0946200100-J]

Dear Mr. Plushnick-Masti:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 579231.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim the submitted information may be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code on behalf a law enforcement agency with a law enforcement interest. Further, you inform this office the law enforcement agency objects to the disclosure of the information because it relates to an ongoing criminal case and release would interfere with the case. Thus, we conclude you may withhold the submitted information pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1).

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/memorulings.shtml>. You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

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c: Requestor
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