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Ms. Jennifer Burnett
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Dear Ms. Burnett:

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# 609174 (OGC# 167939).

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (the "university") received a request for four categories of information pertaining to the university and a third party providing autopsy services for deceased inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Montford Unit. You state you have released some information to the requestor. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of some of this information may implicate the proprietary interests of the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office (the "medical examiner's office"). Accordingly, you state you notified the medical examiner's office of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the information at issue should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit written comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the medical examiner's office explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the submitted information must be released.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenny Moreland', written over a horizontal line.

Kenny Moreland
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

Third Party
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