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Dear Ms. Judy 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# 643926.

The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received two requests for a specified case. The department states it has released or will release most of the requested information. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup> We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. *See Gov't Code § 552.130.* Upon review, we find the audio portion of the submitted video recording contains motor vehicle record information. We note

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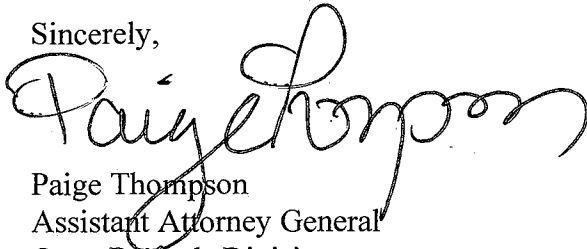
<sup>1</sup>We note the department failed to comply with section 552.301 of the Government Code in requesting a ruling; however, section 552.130 of the Government Code is a mandatory exception that constitutes a compelling reason to withhold information sufficient to overcome the presumption of openness caused by a failure to comply with section 552.301. *See Gov't Code §§ 552.007, .301, .302, .352.* Accordingly, we will consider the department's argument under section 552.130.

the audio portion of the video recording is intertwined with the video portion of the recording. You state the department lacks the technological capability to redact the confidential information in the video recording. Accordingly, 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).

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](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

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