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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

December 30, 2016

Mr. James R. Palomo
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411 Elm Street, 5th Floor
Dallas, Texas 75202

OR2016-28681

Dear Mr. Palomo:

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# 646392.

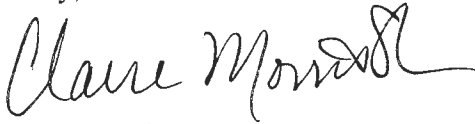
The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office (the "medical examiner's office") received a request for a specified autopsy report. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

The submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2016-10845 (2016). In that ruling, we determined the medical examiner's office may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We have no indication there has been any change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous ruling was based. Accordingly, the medical examiner's office may rely on Open Records Letter No. 2016-10845 as a previous determination and withhold the information in accordance with that ruling. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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 that reads "Claire Morris Sloan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C".

Claire V. Morris Sloan
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 646392

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)