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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

April 19, 2017

Ms. Michelle Gilbert  
Open Records  
Williamson County Sheriff's Office  
508 South Rock Street  
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OR2017-08361

Dear Ms. Gilbert:

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# 654003.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident.<sup>1</sup> You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. 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 or driver's license or permit, a motor vehicle title or registration, or a personal identification document issued by an agency of Texas or another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a). Upon review, we find the submitted video recordings contain information subject to section 552.130. You state the sheriff's office does not have the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information from the recordings. Accordingly, the sheriff's office must withhold the submitted video recordings in their entireties under section 552.130. *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).

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<sup>1</sup>We note the requestor clarified her request for information. *See* Gov't Code § 552.222(b) (stating if information requested is unclear to governmental body or if a large amount of information has been requested, governmental body may ask requestor to clarify or narrow request, but may not inquire into purpose for which information will be used).

Additionally, we agree the information you have marked in the submitted report is subject to section 552.130. We note, however, some of the information you have marked in the report may pertain to the requestor's client. Because section 552.130 is designed to protect the privacy of individuals, the requestor has a right of access to her client's motor vehicle record information under section 552.023 of the Government Code and it may not be withheld from her in the basis of section 552.130. *See* Gov't Code § 552.023(a) (person or person's authorized representative has special right of access, beyond right of general public, to information held by governmental body that relates to person and is protected from public disclosure by laws intended to protect person's privacy interests); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individual requests information concerning himself). Thus, with the exception of information pertaining to the requestor's client, the sheriff's office must withhold the information you have marked in the submitted report under section 552.130. As no further exceptions have been raised, the sheriff's office must release the remaining information in the submitted report.

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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(w/o enclosures)