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Ms. Judy Hickman
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Dear Ms. 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# 659630.

The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified accident. You state you have released most of the information. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.117, and 552.130 of the Government Code.¹ We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure 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 submitted information consists of video recordings containing motor vehicle record information subject to section 552.130. In this instance, you state the department does not

¹Although the department did not comply with section 552.301(b) of the Government Code in asking this office for a ruling, sections 552.101, 552.117, and 552.130 of the Government Code can provide compelling reasons for not disclosing information. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.301(b), .302. Accordingly, we will consider your assertion of these exceptions.

possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Thus, the department must withhold the submitted video recordings in their entireties under section 552.130 of the Government Code.² 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, 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

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

²As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure of the submitted information.