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Dear Mr. Sfeir:

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# 659946 (TDCJ# ZT0013).

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the "department") received a request for a specified audio recording. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.134 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.134(a) of the Government Code relates to inmates of the department and provides in, relevant part, the following:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or by Section 552.029 [of the Government Code], information obtained or maintained by the [department] is excepted from [required public disclosure] if it is information about an inmate who is confined in a facility operated by or under a contract with the department.

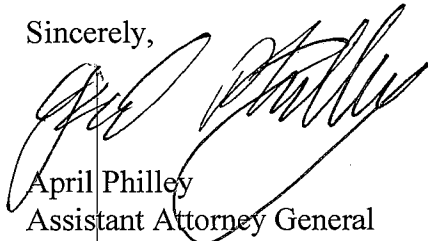
Gov't Code § 552.134(a). You state the submitted information constitutes information about an inmate who is or was confined in a facility operated by the department. We note records pertaining to a former inmate created during the inmate's incarceration are still subject to

section 552.134 of the Government Code. You state section 552.029 of the Government Code does not apply to the information at issue. Upon review, we agree the submitted information is subject to section 552.134 of the Government Code. Accordingly, the department must withhold the submitted information under section 552.134 of the Government Code.

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

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