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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Katie Lentz
Open Records
Williamson County Sheriff's Office
508 South Rock Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2017-14075

Dear Ms. Lentz:

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# 663418.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to an automobile accident involving the requestor's client. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.117, and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

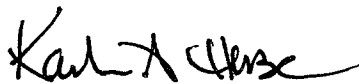
Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130. We note section 552.130 protects personal privacy. Accordingly, the requestor has a right of access to his client's motor vehicle record information under section 552.023 of the Government Code and it may not be withheld under section 552.130. *See id.* § 552.023(a) (governmental body may not deny access to person to whom information relates or person's agent on ground that information is considered confidential by privacy principles); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individuals request information concerning themselves). However, because we are unable to determine whether some of the information at issue belongs to the requestor's client, we must rule conditionally. To the extent the motor

vehicle record information you marked, and the additional information we marked, belongs to the requestor's client, the sheriff's office may not withhold it under section 552.130. To the extent the motor vehicle record information you marked, and the additional information we marked, does not belong to the requestor's client, the sheriff's office must withhold it under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The submitted video recordings also contain motor vehicle record information not belonging to the requestor's client that is subject to section 552.130. You state the sheriff's office lacks the technical capability to redact the information subject to section 552.130 from the video recordings. Based on this representation, we agree the sheriff's office must withhold the submitted video recordings in their entirety under section 552.130.¹ See Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983). The sheriff's office must release the remaining information.

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)

¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address the sheriff's office's remaining argument against disclosure of the information at issue.