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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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

OR2017-16447

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# 667516.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for disciplinary actions and performance evaluations pertaining to a named employee. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.152 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.152 of the Government Code provides:

Information in the custody of a governmental body that relates to an employee or officer of the governmental body is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if, under the specific circumstances pertaining to the employee or officer, disclosure of the information would subject the employee or officer to a substantial threat of physical harm.

Gov't Code § 552.152. The submitted information consists of performance evaluations of a peace officer. You state release of the information at issue in this instance would subject the officer to a substantial threat of physical harm. Thus, you seek to withhold the submitted information in its entirety. Based upon your representation and our review, we find you have

failed to demonstrate the release of the submitted performance evaluations in their entirety would subject the officer to a substantial risk of physical harm. However, we find the release of certain information within the evaluations would subject the officer to a substantial threat of physical harm. Accordingly, the sheriff's office must withhold the information we have marked under section 552.152 of the Government Code. As you raise no other exceptions to disclosure, the remaining information must be released.

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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