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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

July 31, 2017

Mr. John Saenz  
Crime Records Office  
McAllen Police Department  
P.O. Box 220  
McAllen, Texas 78501

OR2017-17069

Dear Mr. Saenz:

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# 668407.

The McAllen Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified vehicle accident. You state you have released some information to the requestor. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 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 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 department does not have the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information from the recordings. Accordingly, the department must withhold the submitted recordings in their entireties under section 552.130. *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](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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meredith L. Coffman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Meredith L. Coffman  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 668407

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)