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Dear Ms. Bock-Barnes:

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# 672568 (TDCJ No. ZT0031).

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the "department") received a request for a specified interview and written statement pertaining to a specified inmate. The department claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.134 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.134 of the Government Code provides, in relevant part:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or by Section 552.029, information obtained or maintained by the [department] is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 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). The department states the submitted information concerns an inmate confined in a facility operated by the department. The department states 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 and the department must withhold it on this basis.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald A. Arismendez". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Gerald A. Arismendez
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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)