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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Mr. Matthew Grove
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OR2017-18811

Dear Mr. Grove:

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# 678128.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for nine categories of information related to a specified automotive accident. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

We note the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2017-14360 (2017). In that ruling we determined the sheriff's office must release certain information pursuant to section 724.018 of the Transportation Code, and, with the exception of basic information, which must be released, the sheriff's office may withhold the remaining information under section 552.108(a)(2) of the Government Code. We have no indication there has been a change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous ruling was based. Accordingly, the sheriff's office must rely on Open Records Letter No. 2017-14360 as a previous determination and withhold or release the information in accordance with that ruling. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney

general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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)