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

OR2017-21559

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# 678933.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified car crash. The sheriff's office claims some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the sheriff's office claims and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.<sup>1</sup>

Initially, the sheriff's office indicates some of the submitted information is not responsive to the instant request for information. This ruling does not address the public availability of any information that is not responsive to the request and the sheriff's office is not required to release such information in response to this request.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or

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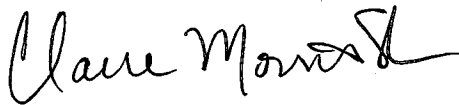
<sup>1</sup>We assume the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

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. The sheriff's office asserts, and we agree, the submitted video recordings contain confidential motor vehicle record information that is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130. In this instance, the sheriff's office states it does not possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Thus, we agree the sheriff's office must withhold the entireties of the responsive video recordings under section 552.130 of the Government Code. *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983). The sheriff's office must also withhold the motor vehicle record information it marked within the submitted documents under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The sheriff's office must release the remaining responsive 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](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)