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Re: Request for all information regarding motor vehicle fraud involving named individual; complaints filed against named individual for odometer fraud; etc. (PIR # 17-7096)

Dear Ms. Freeland:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 687887.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. Upon review of your arguments and the submitted information, we conclude you may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1). However, you must release the basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code. We note the submitted information includes search warrants in Attachment S7 that have been filed with a court. Information filed with a court is generally a matter of public record and may not be withheld from disclosure. Gov't Code § 552.022(a)(17); *Star-Telegram, Inc. v. Walker*, 834 S.W.2d 54 (Tex. 1992). Thus, you must release the search warrants.

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/og/memorulings>. You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

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c: Requestor
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