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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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

OR2018-01062

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# 691799.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for thirteen categories of information pertaining to a specified accident. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exceptions and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country. *See Gov't Code § 552.130.* Upon review, we find the submitted video recordings contain motor vehicle record information. In this instance, the sheriff's office states it does not possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Accordingly, the sheriff's office must withhold the submitted video recordings in their entirety under section 552.130 of the Government Code.¹ *See Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).* Further, we note some of the remaining information is subject to section 552.130 of the Government Code.

¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address the sheriff's office's remaining argument against disclosure of this information.

Accordingly, the sheriff's office must also withhold the motor vehicle record information it marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The sheriff's office must release the remaining information.²

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)

²We note the information being released in this instance includes the requestor's client's motor vehicle record information to which the requestor has a right of access under section 552.023 of the Government Code. See Gov't Code § 552.023(a); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987).