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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Kristie L. Lewis
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City of Houston
1200 Travis, 21st Floor
Houston, Texas 77002-6000

OR2019-01560

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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# 746666 (Internal File #18-10620).

The Houston Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified case number. You claim the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim.

You inform us the requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2018-27545 (2018). In that ruling, we determined, with the exception of the basic information, which the department must release, the department may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We understand there is no change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous ruling was based. Accordingly, we conclude the department may rely on Open Records Letter No. 2018-27545 as a previous determination and withhold or release the identical information in accordance with that ruling.¹ 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

¹As we are able to make this determination, we need not address your argument against disclosure.

addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cole Hutchison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cole Hutchison

Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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c: Requestor