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Mr. Thomas M. Gilliland  
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OR2019-02790

Dear Mr. Gilliland:

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# 748156 (ORR# 18SO6001760).

The Harris County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for a specified incident report. The sheriff's office claims some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.152 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.152 of the Government Code provides the following:

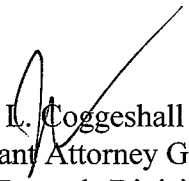
Information in the custody of a governmental body that relates to an employee or officer of the governmental body is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if, under the specific circumstances pertaining to the employee or officer, disclosure of the information would subject the employee or officer to a substantial threat of physical harm.

Gov't Code § 552.152. The sheriff's office represents release of the submitted names and locations of undercover officers would subject the officers to an imminent threat of physical harm. Upon review, we find the sheriff's office has demonstrated release of the information at issue would subject the officers to a substantial threat of physical harm. Therefore, we conclude the sheriff's office must withhold the submitted names and locations of undercover officers under section 552.152 of the Government Code. The sheriff's office must release the remaining 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

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(w/o enclosures)