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Dear Mr. Sfeir:

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# 771130 (ORR# PP0108).

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified "shower log" and count sheets. The department claims the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.134 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.134(a) of the Government Code relates to inmates of the department and provides the following:

Except as provided by Subsection (b) or by Section 552.029 [of the Government Code], information obtained or maintained by the [department] is excepted from [required public disclosure] if it is information about an inmate who is confined in a facility operated by or under a contract with the department.

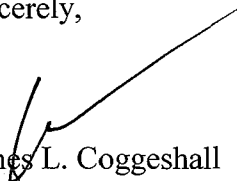
Gov't Code § 552.134(a). The department asserts the submitted responsive information is about an inmate confined in a facility operated by the department. Upon review, we agree

the information is subject to section 552.134. The exceptions in section 552.029 are not applicable. Therefore, the department must withhold the submitted responsive information under section 552.134 of the Government Code.

Although the department also asks this office to issue a previous determination that would authorize it to withhold information about inmates under section 552.134 of the Government Code without requesting a ruling from this office, we decline to issue one at this time. Accordingly, this letter ruling is limited to the particular records 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 records 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)