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OR2019-17453

Re: Request No. 19-1201

Dear Mr. McMillian:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 780317.

After reviewing your arguments, 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 requested information must be withheld from the requestor. A request to compile an individual's criminal history implicates this person's privacy. We have concluded such a compilation is highly embarrassing information and is generally not of legitimate concern to the public. Therefore, to the extent you maintain law enforcement records depicting the named individual as a suspect, arrestee, or criminal defendant, you must withhold the requested information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy.<sup>1</sup>

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.

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)

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<sup>1</sup>We note you did not comply with section 552.301 of the Government Code in requesting a ruling from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.301(b). Nonetheless, because section 552.101 of the Government Code can provide a compelling reason to overcome the presumption of openness, we will consider its applicability to the submitted information. *See id.* §§ 552.007, .302, .352.