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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

September 6, 2019

Ms. Barbara J. Fox
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OR2019-24971

Dear Ms. Fox:

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# 791203.

The Chambers County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information related to a specified incident. The sheriff's office claims the requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions the sheriff's office claims.

The requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2019-22127 (2019). In that ruling, we determined the sheriff's office must withhold the information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 261.201 of the Family Code. We have no indication there has been any change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous ruling was based. Accordingly, the sheriff's office must rely on Open Records Letter No. 2019-22127 as a previous determination and withhold the information in accordance with that ruling. *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 addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that 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 <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire Morris Sloan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Claire V. Morris Sloan
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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c: Requestor