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Ms. Laura Ann Coats
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OR2019-30715

Dear Ms. Coats:

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# 794358.

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office (the "district attorney's office") received a request for all recordings pertaining to a specified motor vehicle accident involving the requestor's client and another named individual. You claim the submitted information is subject to a previous determination. We have considered your argument and reviewed the submitted information.

You note the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for a ruling, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2019-05378 (2019). In that ruling, we determined the submitted body worn camera recordings were properly requested pursuant to chapter 1701 of the Occupations Code and that the district attorney's office may withhold the information at issue in this ruling under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. You state the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have not changed. Therefore, we conclude the district attorney's office must rely on Open Records Letter No. 2019-27295 as a previous determination and withhold the information in accordance with that ruling.¹ See Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001)


¹ As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure of this information.

(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 a 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,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)