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OR2019-30918

Dear Mr. Roque:

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# 794803 (ORR# 7776).

The Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office (the "medical examiner's office") received two requests from the same requestor for information pertaining to the deaths of two named individuals. The medical examiner's office claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note the medical examiner's office only submitted information pertaining to one of the named individuals. We assume, to the extent any additional responsive information existed when the medical examiner's office received the request for information, the medical examiner's office has released it. If not, then the medical examiner's office must do so immediately. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.006, .301, .302; Open Records Decision No. 664 (2000).

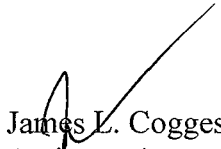
Next, we note the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2019-25253 (2019). We have no indication the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Accordingly, the medical examiner's office may rely on Open

Records Letter No. 2019-25253 as a previous determination and withhold the submitted information in accordance with that ruling.<sup>1</sup>

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)

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<sup>1</sup> We note the requestor is a representative of United States Department of Labor Occupational Health and Safety Administration ("OSHA"). However, the requestor has not provided any law, and we are not aware of any, that would allow release of the information at issue to OSHA.