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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Mr. Jeffrey C. Monk
Administration Manager
Houston Police Department
1200 Travis, 10th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

OR2020-00519

Dear Mr. Monk:

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# 804795 (OR# 19-11248).

The Houston Police Department (the "department") received a request for documents related to a specified vehicle accident. You claim the requested information is subject to a previous ruling by our office. Alternatively, you claim the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the submitted arguments.

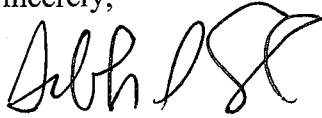
We note the requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2019-29896 (2019). In that ruling, in part, we determined with the exception of basic information, which must be released, the department may withhold the information at issue under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We understand the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have not changed. Therefore, the department may continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2019-29896 as a previous determination and withhold or release the requested 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). As we are able to make this determination, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure of this information.

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 'Deborah Southerland', written in a cursive style.

Deborah Southerland
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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c: Requestor