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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Katie Lentz
Open Records
Williamson County Sheriff's Office
508 South Rock Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2020-00638

Dear Ms. Lentz:

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# 804811

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for the background check of a named individual. You state the sheriff's office released information to the requestor, but made redactions as permitted by section 552.024(c) of the Government Code without requesting a decision from this office. Pursuant to section 552.024(c-1), the requestor has asked this office to review the information redacted by the sheriff's office and render a decision as to whether it is excepted from disclosure under section 552.117(a)(1) of the Government Code. We have considered the sheriff's office position and reviewed the information.

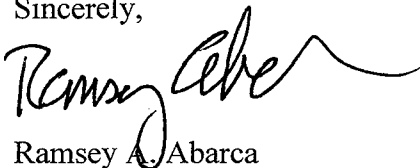
Section 552.117(a)(2) applies to records a governmental body holds in an employment capacity and excepts from public disclosure the home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, and social security number of a peace officer, as well as information that reveals whether the peace officer has family members, regardless of whether the peace officer complies with sections 552.024 and 552.1175 of the Government Code. *See* Gov't Code § 552.117(a)(2). Section 552.117(a)(2) applies to peace officers as defined by article 2.12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. You state the named individual is a peace officer currently employed by the sheriff's office. Accordingly, the sheriff's

office must continue to withhold the information previously redacted under section 552.117(a)(2) of the Government Code.¹

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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Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

¹ As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure of this information. We note Open Records Decision No. 670 authorizes all governmental bodies to withhold the current and former home addresses and telephone numbers, personal cellular telephone and pager numbers, social security numbers, and family member information of peace officers under section 552.117(a)(2) of the Government Code without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision. Open Records Decision No. 670 (2001) at 6.