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OR2020-05518

Dear Ms. Pate:

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# 812582 (PIR No. W094166).

The Fort Worth Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified arrest. You state you have released some information. You claim the remaining requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.142 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.142 of the Government Code is applicable to records of certain deferred adjudications. Section 552.142 provides as follows:

(a) Information is excepted from [required public disclosure] if an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information with respect to the information has been issued under Subchapter E-1, Chapter 411 [of the Government Code].

(b) A person who is the subject of information that is excepted from [required public disclosure] under this section may deny the occurrence of the criminal proceeding to which the information relates and the exception of the information under this section, unless the information is being used against the person in a subsequent criminal proceeding.

Gov't Code § 552.142. Section 411.0725 of the Government Code authorizes a person placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for certain offenses to petition the

court “for an order of nondisclosure,” which prohibits criminal justice agencies from disclosing to the public criminal history record information related to the offense giving rise to the deferred adjudication community supervision. *Id.* § 411.0725(b)-(e). You explain, and have provided documentation reflecting, an order of nondisclosure was issued pursuant to subchapter E-1, chapter 411 of the Government Code prohibiting the release of the information at issue. Therefore, we find the submitted information is subject to the order of nondisclosure and must be withheld under section 552.142 of the Government Code.

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)