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Dear Mr. Longoria:

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# 816187 (ORR# W005823).

The City of Copperas Cove (the "city"), which you represent, received a request for information pertaining to a named individual. The city states it has released some of the requested information, but claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.108, and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exceptions and reviewed the submitted information.

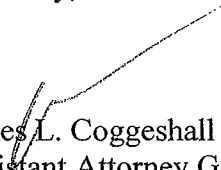
Section 552.108(a)(2) of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information concerning an investigation that concluded in a result other than conviction or deferred adjudication. Gov't Code § 552.108(a)(2). A governmental body claiming section 552.108(a)(2) must demonstrate the information at issue relates to a criminal investigation that has concluded in a final result other than conviction or deferred adjudication. *See id.* §§ 552.108(a)(2), .301(e)(1)(A). The city states the submitted information pertains to a case that concluded in a result other than conviction or deferred adjudication. Therefore, the city may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(2) of the Government Code.¹

¹ As our ruling is dispositive, we do not address the other arguments of the city to withhold this information. In addition, we note, pursuant to the court's decision in *City of Carrollton v. Paxton*, 490 S.W.3d 187 (Tex. App.—Austin 2016, pet. denied), and the submitted briefing, section 552.108(c) of the Government Code is not applicable in this instance.

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

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