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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

OR2020-11311

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# 823262.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for video or audio recordings pertaining to a particular incident. You claim the requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.108, 552.130, and 552.152 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim.

You note the requested information was the subject of a previous request for a ruling, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2020-04791 (2020). In that ruling, we determined the sheriff's office may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We have no indication the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Thus, the sheriff's office may continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2020-04791 as a previous determination and withhold the requested information in accordance with that ruling.¹ *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 a prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

¹ As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your arguments against disclosure.

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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c: Requestor