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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Deanne Lin
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OR2020-11463

Dear Ms. Lin:

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# 823571 (ORR 20PIA0067).

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (the "institute") received a request for the autopsy report pertaining to a named individual. Although you take no position as to the public availability of the submitted information, you state its release may implicate the interests of Chambers County (the "county"). Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation demonstrating, you notified the county of the request and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why its information should not be released. See Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested third party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of this date, we have not received comments from the county explaining why the submitted information should not be released. Accordingly, the institute must release the submitted 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,

Cindy Nettles
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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

1 Third Party
(w/o enclosures)