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Re: Request for information pertaining to a named individual

Dear Mr. Bailey:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 829426 (ORR# M029714-041820).

After reviewing your arguments, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim the requested information must be withheld from the requestor. A request to compile an individual's criminal history implicates this person's privacy. We have concluded such a compilation is highly embarrassing information and is generally not of legitimate concern to the public. Therefore, to the extent you maintain law enforcement records depicting the named individual as a suspect, arrestee, or criminal defendant, you must withhold the requested information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy.¹

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/open-records-memorandum-rulings>. You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

¹ Although the requestor is a representative of the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, she does not indicate she has a right of access to the requested information, to the extent it exists, under state or federal law. See Open Records Decision Nos. 598 (1991), 583 (1990), 451 (1986).