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Mr. Thomas Gilliland
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OR2020-12775

Dear Mr. Gilliland:

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# 826277 (HCSO File No. 20SO700855).

The Harris County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident report. You claim the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim.

The sheriff's office states the requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2020-04280 (2020). In that ruling, we determined, the sheriff's office may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(2) of the Government Code. You state there has not been any change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous ruling was based. Accordingly, the sheriff's office may rely on Open Records Letter No. 2020-04280 as a previous determination and withhold the requested information in accordance with that ruling. *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 prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).¹

¹ As we are able to make this determination, we need not address your argument 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