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OR2020-13222

Dear Mr. Kratovil:

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# 827513.

The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office (the "district attorney's office") received a request for the names, titles, and employment identification photographs of all employees assigned to the criminal section of the district attorney's office. You state the district attorney's office will release some information. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.139 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.139(b)(3) of the Government Code provides "a photocopy or other copy of an identification badge issued to an official or employee of a governmental body" is confidential. Gov't Code § 552.139(b)(3). You state the submitted photographs were taken for use as part of the employees' identification badges. Accordingly, we understand the submitted photographs were created specifically for use on identification badges. Therefore, we conclude the district attorney's office must withhold the submitted photographs under section 552.139(b)(3) of the Government Code.

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

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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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