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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

May 21, 2020

Mr. Thomas Gilliland  
Public Information Officer  
Harris County Sheriff's Office  
1200 Baker Street  
Houston, Texas 77002

OR2020-14220

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# 829974.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for a specified video recording. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. *See Gov't Code § 552.130.* Although you assert the sheriff's office lacks the technological capability to redact information from the submitted video recording, we understand the sheriff's office has the capability to produce a copy of only the non-confidential portions of the video recording. Accordingly, the sheriff's office must withhold all visible license plates, vehicle registration stickers, and VIN numbers under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The sheriff's office must release the remaining portions of the submitted video recording.

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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)