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Ms. Judy Hickman  
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OR2020-15281

Dear Ms. Hickman:

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# 831416 (Reference No. 2020006483).

The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received a request for all information pertaining to a specified accident involving the requestor's client. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note you have only submitted dashboard camera recordings in response to the request for information. To the extent any additional information responsive to the request existed on the date the department received the request, we assume the department has released it. If the department has not released any such information, it must do so at this time. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.301(a), .302; *see also* Open Records Decision No. 664 (2000) (if governmental body concludes no exceptions apply to requested information, it must release information as soon as possible).

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure 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. Upon review, we find some of the submitted video recordings contain confidential motor vehicle record information. You state the department does not possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Accordingly, the department must withhold the video recordings we indicated under section 552.130 of the Government Code. *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983). The department must release the remaining 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,

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Enc. Submitted documents

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