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OR2020-15326

Re: Request for information regarding an accident on 02/15/20 involving two named individuals.

Dear Ms. Hickman:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 831415.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You state you will release some of the requested information. You claim the video recording(s) must be withheld from the requestor in its entirety pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code because you lack the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information not pertaining to the requestor from the recording.<sup>1</sup> Thus, we agree you must withhold the video recording(s) pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code.<sup>2</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> We note you did not comply with section 552.301 of the Government Code in requesting this decision. *See* Gov't Code § 552.301(b). Nonetheless, because section 552.130 of the Government Code can provide a compelling reason to overcome the presumption of openness, we consider its applicability to the submitted information. *See id.* §§ 552.007, .302, .352.

<sup>2</sup> As our ruling is dispositive, we do not address the applicability of section 1701.661(a) of the Occupations Code to the submitted video recordings. *See generally* Occ. Code § 1701.661(a), (e).

(w/o enclosures)