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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

August 24, 2020

Ms. Victoria Jimenez  
Public Information Officer  
Harris County Sheriff's Office  
1200 Baker Street, 2nd Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002-1206

OR2020-21165

Dear Ms. Jimenez:

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# 841355 (ORR# 20SO8002117).

The Harris County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for all information regarding case number 1812-02253. You claim the requested information is subject to a previous ruling by our office. We have considered your argument.

You inform us the requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2020-09639 (2020). In that ruling, the sheriff's office stated it released basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code, and we determined the sheriff's office may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(2) of the Government Code. We have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Therefore, the sheriff's office may continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2020-09639 as a previous determination and withhold and release 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).

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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Open Records Division

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c: Requestor