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OR2020-21528

Re: Requests for information pertaining to two specified incidents

Dear Mr. McMillian:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 843136 (APD Requests 20-1715).

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue.<sup>1</sup> Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. Upon review of your arguments and the submitted information, we conclude you may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1). Nevertheless, as you acknowledge, you must release the basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code. We note the basic information includes, among other items, the vehicles involved, a detailed description of the offense, and the names of the investigating officers. *See* Open Records Decision No. 127 (1976) (summarizing types of information considered to be basic information). However, the basic information does not include motor vehicle record information encompassed by section 552.130 of the Government Code. *See id.*

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<sup>1</sup> We note the Amarillo Police Department (the "department") received an initial request for the same information from this requestor on January 23, 2020. In response to the initial request, the department informs us it released basic information to the requestor within five business days and withheld certain information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code, pursuant to the previous determination this office issued to the department in Open Records Letter No. 2019-05295 (2019). Subsequently, the requestor made a second request for the same information on June 18, 2020.

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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  
(w/o enclosures)