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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Mr. Davis Woudwyk
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Smith County
100 North Broadway, 4th Floor
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OR2020-25216

Re: Request for criminal case for named individual.

Dear Mr. Woudwyk:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 854530.

After reviewing your arguments, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim the requested information must be withheld from the requestor. A request to compile an individual's criminal history implicates this person's privacy. We have concluded such a compilation is highly embarrassing information and is generally not of legitimate concern to the public. Therefore, to the extent you maintain law enforcement records depicting the named individual as a suspect, arrestee, or criminal defendant, you must withhold the requested information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy.

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)