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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

October 29, 2020

Ms. Amy Bass-Domel
Open Records
Williamson County Sheriff's Office
508 South Rock Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2020-27099

Dear Ms. Bass-Domel:

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# 851085.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for disciplinary records pertaining to a named deputy. You state you will redact dates of birth pursuant to Open Records Letter No. 2016-21706 (2016).¹ You indicate you will redact social security numbers under section 552.147(b) of the Government Code.² You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.102, 552.117, 552.1175, 552.130, 552.136, 552.137, 552.140, and 552.152 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

We note the information at issue was the subject of a previous request for a ruling, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2020-26623 (2020). We have no indication the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Thus, the county must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2020-26623 as a previous determination and withhold or release the submitted information in accordance with that ruling. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law,

¹ Open Records Letter No. 2016-21706 authorizes the sheriff's office to withhold the dates of birth of public citizens under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy without requesting a decision from this office.

² Section 552.147(b) of the Government Code authorizes a governmental body to redact a living person's social security number from public release without the necessity of requesting a decision from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.147(b).

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 a prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure). As we are able to make this determination, we need not address your submitted arguments.

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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)