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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Mr. John Martin
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OR2020-27545

Dear Mr. Martin:

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# 852077 (Lancaster ID No. W016437).

The Lancaster Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. You state the department has released some of the requested information. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit, a motor vehicle title or registration, or a personal identification document issued by an agency of Texas or another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a). Upon review, we find some of the submitted video recordings contain information subject to section 552.130. You state the department does not have the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information from the recordings. Accordingly, the department must withhold the recordings we have indicated in their entireties under section 552.130. *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983). However, we find the remaining recording does not contain information subject to section 552.130; thus, the department may not withhold this recording on that basis. As no further exceptions have been raised, the department must release the remaining recording.

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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)