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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Amanda D. Austin  
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Edinburg, Texas 78539

OR2020-28651

Dear Ms. Austin:

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# 853510 (File No. 2020-154-DA.SO).

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to communications between the sheriff's office and the United States Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") during a specified time period. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of the submitted information may implicate the interests of ICE. Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified ICE of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this ruling, we have not received comments from ICE. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the sheriff's office must release the submitted information.

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)

1 Third Party  
(w/o enclosures)