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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Amy Bass-Domel
Open Records
Williamson County Sheriff's Office
508 South Rock Street
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OR2022-03202

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# 929152.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to two specified incidents. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.117 and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note the sheriff's office has only submitted video recordings pertaining to the two specified incidents. To the extent information responsive to the remainder of the request existed on the date the sheriff's office received the request, we assume you have released it. *See* Open Records Decision No. 664 (2000) (if governmental body concludes no exceptions apply to requested information, it must release information as soon as possible). If you have not released any such information, you must do so at this time. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.301(a), .302.

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. *Id.* § 552.130(a). Upon review, we find the submitted video recordings contain information subject to section 552.130. You state the sheriff's office does not have the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information from the

recordings. Accordingly, the sheriff's office must withhold the submitted recordings in their entireties under section 552.130.¹ *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).

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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¹ As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure of this information. Further, as we are able to make this determination, we do not address the applicability of section 1701.661(a) of the Occupations Code to the submitted video recordings. *See generally* Occ. Code § 1701.661(a), (e).