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Ms. Judy Hickman
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OR2022-07306

Re: Request for body worn camera videos pertaining to a specified incident

Dear Ms. Hickman:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 938989.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, 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 video recording must be withheld from the requestor in its entirety pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code because you lack the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information not pertaining to the requestor from the recording. Thus, we agree you must withhold the video recording pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code.¹

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)

¹ We note you failed to comply with the 20-business-day deadline for the submitted body-worn camera recordings under section 1701.662 of the Occupations Code. *See* Occ. Code § 1701.662. However, section 552.130 of the Government Code can provide a compelling reason to overcome the presumption of openness caused by a failure to comply with section 552.301. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.301, .302. Accordingly, we will address your argument under this section.