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Ms. Audrea Hutson  
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OR2022-09752

Dear Ms. Hutson:

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# 941099.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified traffic accident. The sheriff's office claims the requestor did not properly request some of the submitted information pursuant to section 1701.661 of the Occupations Code. Additionally, the sheriff's office claims some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered sheriff's office's arguments and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130. Upon review, we find the submitted video recordings contain motor vehicle record information. In this instance, the sheriff's office states it does not possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Thus, we agree the sheriff's office must withhold the information it marked as well as the submitted video recordings in their entireties under section 552.130 of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup> *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).

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<sup>1</sup> As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address the remaining arguments against disclosure of this information, including the applicability of section 1701.661(a) of the Occupations Code to the submitted

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

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video recordings. *See generally* Occ. Code § 1701.661(a), (e). Additionally, we note the requestor has a right of access to some of the information being released in this instance. *See* Gov't Code § 552.023(a) (governmental body may not deny access to person to whom information relates or person's agent on ground that information is considered confidential by privacy principles); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individuals request information concerning themselves). Thus, if the sheriff's office receives another request for the same information from a different requestor, the sheriff's office must again seek a decision from this office.