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Dear Mr. Kopp:

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# 955063 (ORR# W440909).

The San Antonio Police Department (the "department") received a request for records related to a specified arrest of a named individual. We understand the department will redact public citizens' dates of birth pursuant to Open Records Letter No. 2016-08566 (2016).<sup>1</sup> The department claims some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 and 552.152 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the department claims and reviewed the submitted information.

The department seeks to withhold the identifying information of undercover agents under section 552.152 of the Government Code. Section 552.152 provides,

Information in the custody of a governmental body that relates to an employee or officer of the governmental body is excepted from [required public disclosure] if, under the specific circumstances pertaining to the employee or officer, disclosure of the information would subject the employee or officer to a substantial threat of physical harm.

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<sup>1</sup> Open Records Letter No. 2016-08566 authorizes the department to withhold public citizens' dates of birth under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy without requesting a ruling from this office. See Open Records Decision No. 673 at 7-8 (2001) (listing elements of second type of previous determination under section 552.301(a) of the Government Code).

Gov't Code § 552.152. The department represents the release of the undercover agents' identities would subject the agents to a substantial threat of physical harm. Therefore, we find section 552.152 is applicable to the identities of the undercover officers within the information at issue. Accordingly, the department must withhold the identifying information of the undercover agents, which it marked, under section 552.152 of the Government Code.<sup>2</sup> The department must release the remaining 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)

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<sup>2</sup> As our ruling is dispositive for this information, we need not address the remaining argument against its disclosure.