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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Amy Boyd  
Open Records  
Williamson County Sheriff's Office  
508 South Rock Street  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2022-33408

Dear Ms. Boyd:

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# 981093.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. The sheriff's office claims the requested information is subject to a previous ruling from our office. The sheriff's office also claims some of the requested information was not properly requested pursuant to section 1701.661 of the Occupations Code. Further, the sheriff's office also claims the requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.108, 552.1085, 552.1175, 552.130, and 552.152 of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup> We have considered the submitted arguments.

The sheriff's office states the requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2022-29072 (2022). In that ruling, we determined: (1) with the exception of the basic information, which must be released, the sheriff's office may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code; and (2) in releasing the basic information, the sheriff's office must withhold the undercover officers' identities under section 552.152 of the Government Code. We have no indication there has been any change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous ruling was based. Accordingly, we conclude the sheriff's office may continue to rely on Open Records Decision No. 2022-29072 as a

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<sup>1</sup> Although the sheriff's office raises section 552.117 of the Government Code for portions of the information at issue, we note section 552.1175 of the Government Code is the proper exception to raise for information not held in an employment capacity. See Gov't Code §§ 552.117, .1175.

previous determination and withhold or release the requested information in accordance with that ruling.<sup>2</sup> *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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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c: Requestor

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<sup>2</sup> As we are able to make this determination, we need not address the remaining arguments against disclosure of this information.