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OR2022-38570

Re: Request for information pertaining to information pertaining to case number 22-040153

Dear Mr. Vela:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 989990 [DCDAO# 2022-3008].

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 must release the accident report in its entirety to the requestor pursuant to section 550.065(c) of the Transportation Code. You claim the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. Upon review of your arguments and the submitted information, we conclude you may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1). However, you must release the basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code. We note the submitted information includes information that may have been filed with a court. Information filed with a court is generally a matter of public record and may not be withheld from disclosure. Gov't Code § 552.022(a)(17); *Star-Telegram, Inc. v. Walker*, 834 S.W.2d 54 (Tex. 1992). Thus, if the information has been filed with a court, you must release the information. In releasing the information filed with a court, you must withhold the motor vehicle record information in accordance with section 552.130 of the Government Code.

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)