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August 16, 2017

Via First Class Mail

George Hale c/o KETR 88.9 P.O. Box 4504 Commerce, TX 75429

Re: Public Information Request

Dear Mr. Hale,

The undersigned attorney represents Hunt County, Texas.

This letter is written to advise you, pursuant to Section 552.103 of the Public Information Act, Texas Government Code, that our office has requested an Open Records Decision from the Texas Attorney General's Office concerning your public information request received by the Hunt County Sheriff's Office on August 2, 2017. I have enclosed a copy of the letter sent to the Office of the Attorney General.

Sincerely

Daniel W. Ray

Hunt County Civil Attorney

Enclosure (w/o attachments)



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## Via CMRR 7017 1070 0000 1133 0504

Honorable Ken Paxton Attorney General of Texas P.O. Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Re:

Hunt County, Texas, Request for Ruling Under the Public Information Act

PIA Request from George Hale, received on August 2, 2017

## Dear Attorney General Paxton:

In accordance with Texas Government Code § 552.301, Hunt County ("County") is submitting this information in response to a public information request from George Hale, received by the County on August 2, 2017 requesting The interview of William Cody Songer. A copy of the public information request is enclosed as **Exhibit A.** 

**Exhibit B** is a copy of the notice sent to George Hale on August 16, 2017, informing him that the County requested an Open Records Decision from the Texas Attorney General's Office. A copy of this notice was sent to the requester.

The requested information is attached as **Exhibit C**. We respectfully request that Exhibit C be excepted from required public disclosure, under TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE § 552.103 and 552.108.

## Section 552.108 Certain Law Enforcement Records – Information Relating to the Detection, Investigation or Prosecution of Crime

Section 552.108 excepts required public disclosure information the release of which would interfere with law enforcement or prosecution. Sections 552.108(a)(1) and (b)(1).

This case is still open and under investigation by the Hunt County Sheriff's Office.

The County believes that the information that is held by the Hunt County Sheriff that deals with the detection, investigation, and prosecution of a crime and is excepted from disclosure since disclosure of the contents of the report may interfere with the Sheriff's Office ongoing investigation and the prosecutors eventual prosecution of the alleged crime.

Furthermore, release of this information would interfere with law enforcement or prosecution by revealing law enforcement methods, techniques, and strategies. A & T Consultants, Inc. v. Sharp, 904 S.W.2d 668 (Tex. 1995).

For the above reasons, the County requests that **Exhibit C** be excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Public Information Act.

Please advise our office if the requested information is, in your opinion, subject to public disclosure under the provisions of the Public Information Act, Texas Government Code or if any additional information is required by your office to assist you in making your determination.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Ray

Hunt County Civil Attorney

**Enclosures** 

cc: Requestor (w/o enclosures)