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July 1, 2013

Via First Class Mail

Patricia Gager



Re: Public Information Request

Dear Ms. Gager,

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 Hunt County Sheriff's Department June 18, 2013.

A copy of the request sent to the Attorney General is enclosed.

Daniel W. Ray

Sincerely.

Hunt County Civil Attorney

Enclosure

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July 1, 2013

#### Via U.S. First Class Mail

Honorable Greg Abbott 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 Patricia Gager, received on June 18, 2013

#### Dear Attorney General Abbott:

In accordance with Texas Government Code § 552.301, Hunt County ("County") is submitting this information in response to a public information request from Patricia Gager, received by the County on June 18, 2013, requesting the license plate number for Casey Mae Parker, a missing person.

A copy of Patricia Gager's public information request is enclosed as **Exhibit A**. The date Ms. Gager's public information request was received by our office is indicated on the Public Information Request form.

**Exhibit B** is a copy of the notice sent to Patricia Gager on July 1, 2013, informing her that the County requested an Open Records Decision from the Texas Attorney General's Office.

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

# 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). As explained in **Exhibit D**, the Hunt County Sheriff's Department requested that this information be withheld because it pertains to an open criminal investigation.

The County believes that the requested reports are requests for information that is held by the Hunt County Sheriff's Department 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 police department's ongoing investigation and the prosecution's eventual prosecution of the alleged crime.

Furthermore, release of these cases 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 § 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 Vivil Attorney

### **Enclosures**

Requestor (w/o enclosures) cc:

Glenda Osborn, via electronic mail