

Fwd: Texas Public Information Act Request — Personnel Records, Jail Division

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Ms. Olson,

Forwarding for your convenience, as I know your office has been handling TPIA responses on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. I've included the relevant Attorney General precedent in the request itself, which should streamline your review.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Texas Public Information Act Request — Personnel Records, Jail Division
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Dear Public Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Government Code Chapter 552, I hereby request the following public records:

RECORDS REQUESTED

All records reflecting personnel changes in the Colorado County Sheriff's Office Jail Division from January 21, 2026 to present, including but not limited to:

1. Names of employees who have separated from employment, whether by termination, resignation, retirement, or other means;
2. Names of employees who have been demoted, transferred, or placed on administrative leave;
3. The effective date of each personnel action; and
4. The reason for each separation or status change.

PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

This request is made in the public interest, as it relates to the accountability, transparency, and proper staffing of a public detention facility responsible for the care and custody of inmates.

McKnight Matter – Correspondence

The Texas Attorney General has consistently held that the public has a legitimate interest in information relating to public employment and public employees. Specifically:

- "The public generally has a legitimate interest in information that relates to public employment and public employees." OR2026-002152 (Jan. 23, 2026).
- "Personnel file information does not involve most intimate aspects of human affairs, but in fact touches on matters of legitimate public concern." Open Records Decision No. 562 (1990).
- "Public has legitimate interest in job qualifications and performance of public employees." Open Records Decision Nos. 542 (1990), 470 (1987).
- "Public has legitimate interest in knowing reasons for dismissal, demotion, promotion, or resignation of public employees." Open Records Decision No. 444 (1986).

In the most recent ruling on this issue, the Attorney General found that personnel information regarding complaints, dismissals, demotions, and resignations is not exempt under the common-law privacy exception (Section 552.101):

RESPONSE DEADLINE

Under Section 552.221 of the Government Code, you must respond to this request promptly, and in no event later than 10 business days after receiving it. If you intend to withhold any responsive records, you must request an Attorney General opinion within 10 business days and notify me of the specific exemptions claimed.

Please notify me if the estimated charges for this request will exceed \$40.00. I am willing to receive records in electronic format to reduce costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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