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VIA EMAIL:

Harold "Wayne" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]' Public Information Act request to Colorado County Sheriff's Office dated March 9, 2026 regarding video and audio recordings of the incident involving inmate [REDACTED] on the evening of January 19, 2026

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Our office represents the Colorado County Sheriff's Office in this matter. The Colorado County Sheriff's Office received your request pursuant to the Public Information Act (the Act) on March 9, 2026. Specifically, you ask for "All video and audio recordings from any camera or recording device within the Colorado County Jail that captured any portion of the incident involving inmate [REDACTED] on the evening of January 19, 2026, including but not limited to:

1. All video recordings from approximately 8:00 PM through 11:30 PM on January 19, 2026, from any camera in or near the medication distribution area, booking area, hallways, common areas, or any other location where the incident or its aftermath was recorded.
2. All audio recordings from the same time period, including any recordings from body-worn cameras, fixed microphones, or other audio capture devices.
3. Any video or audio recordings showing the 83-minute period between the incident (approximately 9:00 PM) and the arrival of EMS (approximately 10:49 PM).
4. Any video or audio recordings showing interactions between jail staff and [REDACTED] during the above time period."

The purpose of this letter is to timely provide you a response to your request. As you are probably aware, the Public Information Act requires that certain information remain confidential. In circumstances where such exclusions may apply, the governmental entity (the Colorado County Sheriff's Office) is required to submit the documents to the Texas Attorney General for a confidentiality determination. Therefore, the requested documents are being withheld pursuant to those exceptions and are being submitted to the Texas Attorney General for a decision on whether the PIA requires that these documents be withheld. This process is not to interfere with governmental transparency but to protect confidential information that may not be disclosed without approval from the Attorney General.

Specifically, section 552.101 of the Public Information Act provides for an exception to the disclosure of public records when information requested is confidential by law and section 552.103 which provides an exception for Litigation and Settlement Negotiations Involving the State or A Political Subdivision.

SPECIAL NOTICE(S):

The Colorado County Sheriff's Office will forward its discussion of exceptions regarding the documents being withheld to the Attorney General within fifteen (15) business days from the date of the request. A copy will be forwarded to you at that time. The portions of the discussion that would tend to reveal the nature of withheld information will be redacted to preserve the invocation of privilege or exception. — TEX. GOVT. CODE ANN. § 552.301(d)(2).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Eric Magee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

J. Eric Magee

JEM/jm

Enclosures

cc: Office of the Attorney General, State of Texas