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**VIA EMAIL:**

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RE: Wayne McKnight's Public Information Act request to the Colorado County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Office dated May 26, 2026 regarding records concerning former CCSO Deputy Tomas Ramirez

Dear Mr. McKnight:

Our office represents the Colorado County Sheriff's Office in this matter. The Colorado County Sheriff's Office received your request dated May 26, 2026 at 6:53PM pursuant to the Public Information Act (the Act) on May 27, 2026. Specifically, you ask for "copies of the following records held by the Colorado County Sheriff's Office concerning former CCSO Deputy Tomas Ramirez and the conduct alleged to have occurred in or about September 2024 that resulted in his prosecution under Tex. Penal Code § 39.04 and deferred adjudication community supervision in or about 2025. Without limiting the foregoing, I specifically request:

1. All CCSO incident, offense, and supplemental reports;
2. All internal investigation files, supervisor reviews, and administrative investigation records;
3. All body-worn camera, in-car camera, jail surveillance, and audio recordings related to the conduct, the response, or the investigation;
4. All written, recorded, or transcribed witness statements, including those of inmates housed at the Colorado County Jail, CCSO personnel, and any third-party witnesses;
5. All personnel-file records concerning Ramirez's discipline, separation, suspension, or other employment action related to this conduct, including any TCOLE F-5 separation report;
6. All communications (including email, text, and memoranda) between CCSO personnel and any external investigating agency — including but not limited to the Texas Department of Public Safety / Texas Rangers and the Colorado County Attorney's Office — regarding Ramirez or the underlying conduct;
7. All Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) screenings, intake records, complaint logs, investigative records, and reports related to the alleged conduct or the alleged victim;
8. All policies, procedures, and training records in effect at CCSO at the time of the conduct regarding inmate-staff sexual contact, PREA compliance, supervision of female inmates, and reporting requirements;

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9. All remedial measures, policy revisions, training, or other corrective actions undertaken by CCSO following the disposition of the criminal case.”

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. Any responsive information that is not submitted for a determination to the Office of the Attorney General will be provided by June 17, 2026.

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; section 552.107 which provides an exception for certain legal matters; section 552.1175 which provides an exception for certain personal identifying information of peace officers; section 552.130 which provides an exception for certain motor vehicle records; and section 552.147 which provides an exception to social security numbers.

**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,



J. Eric Magee

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Attorney General, State of Texas