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April 13, 2026

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Re: Indecency with a Child Exposes, Incident #26013173

Upon receipt of your request for open records regarding:

"Offense report filed on or about March 8, 2026, by a male (name unknown) former Henderson ISD student against Teris Butler, alleging sexual misconduct."

We have requested a ruling from the Attorney General's Office before the release of those documents. Attached is a copy of the letter that we submitted to the Attorney General's Office. I hope this does not cause you any undo inconvenience. Upon receipt of their ruling, if they advise that the documents can be released, we will inform you of the cost and when it can be picked up.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Childers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Via

Texas Attorney General Open Records Division
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****Please reference #1034 in your response letter****

Dear Attorney General Paxton:

Please be advised that the above-referenced Public Information Act request was received on March 31, 2026, by the Rusk County Sheriff's office. Also, please take into consideration that the Rusk County Sheriff's Office was closed in observation of Good Friday, Friday, April 3, 2026. In the information request, the requestor ask for:

"Offense report filed on or about March 8, 2026, by a male (name unknown) former Henderson ISD student against Teris Butler, alleging sexual misconduct."

See Exhibit "A". Please allow this letter to serve as Rusk County's request for an Attorney General Opinion and brief in support relating to the disclosure of documents which could be responsive to such request. This request and brief are being mailed within 10 business days of the receipt of the request.

1. Information held by a law enforcement agency that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of a crime when the release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation and prosecution of the crime. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 552.108;

There is an ongoing criminal investigation relating to information requested. Specifically, this criminal matter is still pending, and the investigators have stated that the release of all the information requested would interfere with their investigation. Attached is a letter from the Rusk County Sheriff's Office establishing that the records requested call for documents from pending investigations. (Exhibit "B"). The information requested is attached as Exhibit "C". Exhibit "C" contains information relating to on-going criminal cases and falls squarely within the law enforcement exception of the Public Information Act, which exempts from disclosure "information held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection,



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investigation or prosecution of a crime . . . if release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation or prosecution of a crime." TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 552.108(a)(1) (VERNON 2012). Release of this information would undermine the integrity of the criminal investigation and prosecution.

Rusk County respectfully requests that this office issue a decision exempting such documents from disclosure based on these exceptions.

Attached in Exhibit "C" are representative samples of documents which contain information which is confidential by law.

Very truly yours,

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