

General Order No. 2016-1

**IN THE COUNTY COURTS AT LAW
GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

**ORDER RELATING TO PROHIBITION OF DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS
MAINTAINED BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL BODY**

Orders of County Courts at Law which grant motions to forfeit and/or destroy evidence shall not be interpreted to authorize the destruction of any record maintained by any governmental body which is required to be maintained by the Public Information Act of the State of Texas.

The Public Information Act lists categories of public information, including “a completed . . . investigation made of, for, or by a governmental body.” TEX. GOV’T CODE ANN. § 552.022(a)(1). “A court in this state may not order a governmental body or an officer for public information to withhold from public inspection any category of public information . . . or to not produce the category of public information for inspection or duplication, unless the category of information is confidential under this chapter or other law.” *Id.* at § 552.022(b). . . . By the clear language of the statute, [a] trial court would err by ordering [a governmental body] not to produce this public information. It follows that [a] trial court [errs] by ordering [a governmental body] to destroy it.

In re Tex. Dep’t of Pub. Safety, 416 S.W.3d 912, 913-14 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2013, no writ).

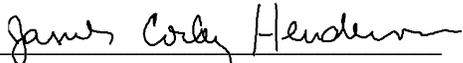
To the extent any Order of the Courts conflict with the Public Information Act, the Act controls.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

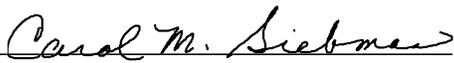
IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this the 24 day of June, 2016.

Signed: 6/24/2016 10:28 AM


JUDGE PRESIDING, COURT NO. 1

Signed: 6/24/2016 11:42 AM


JUDGE PRESIDING, COURT NO. 2