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Ms. Julie Nistler  
FOIA Officer  
City of Park Ridge  
Police Department  
200 South Vine Avenue  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

RE: Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 14280

Dear Ms. Nistler:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Park Ridge Police Department of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information under section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010). Specifically, on May 4, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the Department for Police Report No. 11-07754. The Department is seeking to redact from the requested document the name of a possible suspect who was not arrested or charged in connection with the incident.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." The exemption defines "unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" as "the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010.

**DETERMINATION**

The Department's use of the exemption in section 7(1)(c) to redact a suspect's name is **approved**. We have concluded that the Department has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the disclosure of the name of a person suspected of crimes for which that person was never arrested or charged would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person.