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Ms. Kerry F. Partridge
Freedom of Information Officer
City of Rockford
425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104

RE: FOIA Pre-Approval Request – No. PAC 5434

Dear [REDACTED] and Ms. Partridge:

The Office of the Public Access Counselor has received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Rockford of its intent to deny [REDACTED] request, in part, of the 2004 domestic battery report based on subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b) (FOIA).

As a result of this review, we have determined that it is **appropriate** for the City of Rockford to decline to disclose this information, in part, under subsection 7(1)(c). The portion that is redacted is a personal statement made by the subject of the report that is beyond the scope of the alleged abuse being documented.

Such statements, by their very nature, may be considered personal information, the disclosure of which could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy in accordance with subsection 7(1)(c). 5 ICLS 140/7(1)(c).

Thus, Ms. Partridge's request to assert the exemption under 7(1)(c) is granted regarding the personal statement made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-6437.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By: 

Lola Dada-Olley
Assistant Public Access Counselor