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Mr. James Grohne
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Sangamon County State's Attorney
Room 402 County Complex
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

RE: FOIA Request for Pre-Authorization – No. 5484

Dear Mr. Grohne:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Sangamon County Coroner's Office/ Sangamon County State's Attorney of its intent to deny photographs taken in the autopsy of Raelen J. Miller as exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, as required by 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b). It is my understanding that the requester has previously been provided with the autopsy report and protocol, toxicology report, and certified transcript of the inquest. The only records requested which the Coroner seeks to withhold are the autopsy photographs.

As a result of this review, we have determined that it is appropriate for the Sangamon County Coroner to decline to disclose the requested autopsy photographs under subsection 7(1)(c), because the information is personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Thus, the Sangamon County Coroner's request to assert the exemption under 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) is hereby **approved** and further inquiry into this matter is not warranted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 557-0548. This correspondence shall close this file.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

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