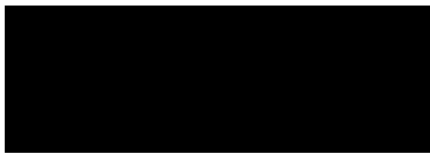




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RE: FOIA Pre-Approval Request – No. PAC 5458

Dear [REDACTED] and Ms. Lucas:

The Office of the Public Access Counselor has received and reviewed the written notice from Metra of its intent to deny [REDACTED] request, in part, of the 1/15/2010 incident 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 Metra to decline to disclose this information, in part, under subsection 7(1)(c). The portion that is redacted is the date of birth of the subject of the incident report.

Depending on the circumstance, age can be a highly personal subject. Dates of birth, 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. Lucas's request to assert the exemption under 7(1)(c) is granted regarding date of birth.

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

Sincerely,

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Public Access Counselor

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