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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 9, 2010

Ms. Peggy Swezy  
FOIA Officer  
City of Morris Police Department  
215 W. Jefferson Street  
Morris, Illinois 60450

RE: Request for Pre-Authorization – No. 5615

Dear Ms. Swezy:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Morris of its intent to deny access to and redact **dates of birth** from the requested police report as exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b).


As a result of this review, we have determined that it is appropriate to decline to disclose the **dates of birth** under subsection 7(1)(c) because disclosure of that information would likely be highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any public interest in releasing it. Thus, the request to assert the exemption under 7(1)(c) is hereby approved and further inquiry into this matter is not warranted. At this point, you will need to continue sending these requests for pre-authorization as to dates of birth, although they will likely be perfunctorily approved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 557-0548.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

By:

  
Heather V. Kimmons  
Deputy Public Access Counselor

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