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RE: Pre-Approval Request – No. 5897

Dear Ms. Janicki Clark:

The Office of the Public Access Counselor has received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Downers Grove (VDG) of its intent to deny [redacted] request, in part, of the police report sought based on subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b) (FOIA).

Based on the 7(1)(c) exemption, VDG intends to withhold the disclosure of the photographs attached to the police report. The photographs withheld are graphic depictions of a suicide. VDG states that the disclosure of such records would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We **agree**. The assertion of the 7(1)(c) personal privacy exemption is appropriate in this instance. The disclosure of graphic suicide photos clearly constitutes an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. A reasonable person would find such disclosure highly objectionable. Therefore, pre-authorization to deny disclosure of these photos is **granted**.

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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