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Mr. Kerry F. Partridge
Freedom of Information Officer
City of Rockford
425 East State St.
Rockford, IL 61104

RE: FOIA Request for Review – No. 5912

Dear Mr. Partridge:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Rockford of its intent to deny access to and redact **certain information** from police records requested by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b). Specifically, the City has indicated its intent to redact portions of the narrative from the supplemental police report describing the search for and contents of Ms. Cythia Wells' criminal history.

As a result of our review, we have determined that it is **not appropriate** for the City of Rockford to decline to disclose Ms. Wells' general criminal history information under subsection 7(1)(c). We view an individual's general criminal history information, including conviction information and the existence of police reports involving the individual, as information for which the public interest in access outweighs any privacy interest of the individual.

We have also determined that it is **appropriate** for the City to redact from the report in question information regarding Ms. Wells' address and date of birth, and the specific details of the incidents referenced in her criminal history, including the names of victims of prior incidents and the details of communications made to them by Ms. Wells.

To aid the City's understanding of our determination, enclosed please find a copy of the relevant pages of the requested records on which we have highlighted those portions for which we approve redaction under the Section 7(1)(c) privacy exemption. That enclosure has not been provided to the requester.

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Please note that this determination is only intended to address the applicability of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption for information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy to the information the City has indicated it intends to deny. This letter is not intended to address whether some or all of that information may fall within other statutory exemptions allowing for redaction.

In light of this determination, we ask that the City release to the requester all non-exempt responsive records. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 785-7438. This letter shall serve to close this file.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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