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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. John Perkins
FOIA Officer
Huntley Police Department
10911 Main Street
Huntley, IL 60142

RE: FOIA Pre-Approval Request – No. PAC 5916

Dear [REDACTED] and Mr. Perkins:

The Office of the Public Access Counselor has received and reviewed the written notice from the Huntley Police Department (HPD) of its intent to deny [REDACTED] request for documents, in part, based on subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b) (FOIA). Based on subsection 7(1)(c), HPD seeks to redact deeply personal information relating to the persons documented in the incident report.

As a result of this review, we have determined that it is **appropriate** for the HPD to decline to disclose this personal information pursuant subsection 7(1)(c). HPD provided our office with the information it intended to withhold from disclosure. After our own review, we agree that the disclosure of such information would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person and is therefore exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c). Therefore, pre-authorization is **granted**.

Public bodies that wish to redact date of birth(s), typically do so by seeking pre-authorization from our office before sending a denial to the requester. 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 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). Therefore, the 7(1)(c) exemption would apply to date of births in this


instance as well. Please note, going forward, that the redaction of age- related information should come to our office in the form of a pre-authorization request.

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

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By:



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Assistant Public Access Counselor