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June 14, 2011

Ms. Debra Ford
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Northbrook
1225 Cedar Lane
Northbrook, IL 60062

RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 14261

Dear Ms. Ford:

We have received and reviewed your written notice from the Village of Northbrook of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information under section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010). On April 27, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the Village for:

1. Police incident reports at [REDACTED] Northbrook, IL – 2009-Present.
2. Police incident reports at [REDACTED] Northbrook, IL prior to March 2006.

The Village seeks approval from this office to withhold portions of the single responsive record under 7(1)(c) of FOIA. [REDACTED] is not named in the report and no arrest occurred in connection with this incident.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." The exemption defines "unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" as the "disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information."

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DETERMINATION

The Village's use of section 7(1)(c) to withhold the specified portions of the responsive document is **approved**. We have reviewed the proposed redactions and agree that releasing this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The report relates to an incident that did not involve the requester and contains information that if disclosed would be "highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person." Therefore, we have determined that the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information. Thus, the Village has met its initial burden to withhold this information under section 7(1)(c).

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Very truly yours,



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