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Ms. Wendellyn J. Briggs  
FOIA Officer  
Town of Normal  
100 East Phoenix Avenue  
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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 14559

Dear Ms. Briggs:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Town of Normal (Town) of its intention to deny certain information as exempt from disclosure 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). The Town is seeking to redact dates of birth from the requested documents.

Mr. Frank Lowry submitted a FOIA request for all records pertaining to IDOT Control No. U100221536 and Normal Police Department Agency Crash Report Number 2011-490 on May 31, 2011. In its written notice, the Town asserts that dates of birth are exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

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." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010.