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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Teresa Fisher  
FOIA Officer  
Wilmington Police Department  
120 North Main Street  
Wilmington, Illinois 60481

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – No. 6214

Dear Ms. Fisher:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Wilmington Police Department (“Department”) of its intent to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended (FOIA). The Department seeks to redact dates of birth from an incident report.

The Department’s use of the exemption in 7(1)(c) with regard to the dates of birth is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). Dates of birth are highly personal information, and the subject’s right to privacy in this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining it. The Department should issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED] and release the report to her with the appropriate information redacted. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-6437. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

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Lola Dada-Olley  
Assistant Public Access Counselor [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]