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RE: FOIA Preauthorization Request– 2011 PAC 14727

Dear Mr. Silverman:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Shorewood of its intention to deny certain information contained in police reports requested by [REDACTED] under section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010. Section 7(1)(c) 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."

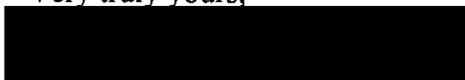
**DETERMINATION**

The Department's use of the exemption in section 7(1)(c) to redact the information it has specified from the police reports is **approved**. No arrests resulted from the incidents mentioned in the police reports, and the incidents arose from domestic situations involving juveniles. The information that the Department wishes to redact is highly personal and the subjects' right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information. Accordingly, the Village may issue a partial denial letter and release the reports with the information in question redacted, if it has not already done so.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 312-814-2770. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Very truly yours,



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