



**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Debra J. Ford  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Village of Northbrook  
1225 Cedar Lane  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2010 PAC 6397

Dear Ms. Ford:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Northbrook (Village) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information requested by [REDACTED] as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)) because it is "[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." [REDACTED] FOIA request sought a copy of Northbrook Police Department Incident Report # 09-18333. In its written notice, the Village asserted that the last sentence of page 8 and the entirety of pages 15 through 21 of that report are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c).<sup>1</sup>

**Determination**

Based upon our review, we have determined that the Village has met its initial burden of justifying its use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to the specific information it has cited.<sup>2</sup> We have determined that the disclosure of the information for which we approve the Village's Notice of Intent herein would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). This type of information is highly personal by its very nature and the privacy rights of those persons involved outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 782-9078. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> Although the copy of the report the Village submitted to our office in connection with our review of this matter contained additional redactions, our determination pertains only to the redactions it has made in its submission on pages 8 and 15 through 21.

<sup>2</sup> We note that the personal telephone numbers appearing therein are also clearly exempt under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b).

Sincerely,

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Public Access Counselor

By:



Matthew M. Sebek  
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