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Deputy Chief Holly Nearing
FOIA Officer
Champaign Police Department
82 East University Ave.
Champaign, Illinois 61820-4018

RE: FOIA Preauthorization Request- 2011 PAC 14943

Dear Deputy Chief Nearing:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Champaign Police Department of its intention to deny certain information requested by [REDACTED], who requested police reports related to several incidents. The Department seeks to withhold report C10-57, which relates to one of the incidents, 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 withhold report C10-57 is **approved**. The information that the Department wishes to withhold is highly personal and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information. Accordingly, the Department may withhold the report in question.

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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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