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Via Electronic Mail

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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 13653

Dear Mr. Rent:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Urbana (City) of its intention to withhold 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 2010)).

On April 6, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request seeking records of all 911 calls that she had made pertaining to a certain person.. In its April 18, 2011, written notice to this office, the City asserts that it intends to redact certain information pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of FOIA, which 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." In its notice, the City explains that it seeks to redact identifying information about a minor child and the employer of an individual referenced in the report. The City supplemented its notice with both unredacted and redacted copies of the report.

DETERMINATION

This office has reviewed the unredacted copy of the report. Because of the sensitivity of this matter, we agree that disclosure of *any* identifiable information regarding the minor would be highly personal and objectionable to a reasonable person. Accordingly, we

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conclude that disclosure of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under section 7(1)(c).

With regard to a reference to the employer of one of the individuals, this office has previously concluded that disclosure of a person's employer would not necessarily constitute an invasion of personal privacy under section 7(1)(c). *See* 2010 PAC 7740 (Ill Att'y Gen. PAC Pre-Auth al 7740, issued October 18, 2010, at 2).¹ There are circumstances, however, in which the disclosure of an employer *could* constitute an invasion of personal privacy. 2010 PAC 8971, 9114 (Ill. Att'y Gen. PAC Req. Rev. Ltr. 8971 9114, issued November 17, 2010, at 2). In this situation, no arrests were made and this matter appears to be closed. Moreover, there appears to be no relationship between individual's employment and the nature of the report. Therefore, we conclude that identification of the employer of the individual in these circumstances would constitute an invasion of personal privacy under section 7(1)(c).

Accordingly, this office finds that the City has met its initial burden with regard to the proposed redactions. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (312) 814-5383.

Very truly yours,



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¹We note that in 2010 PAC 7740 (Ill Att'y Gen. PAC Pre-Auth al 7740, issued October 18, 2010, at 2), the issue was whether disclosure of the employer of an *arrestee* amounted to an invasion of personal privacy under section 7(1)(c).