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Via Electronic Mail
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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 15389

Dear Trooper Sutton:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Illinois State Police (ISP) of its intention to deny 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 July 8, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to ISP seeking copies of a laboratory report. In its July 8, 2011, written notice to this office, ISP asserts that it redacted 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." Specifically, ISP seeks to redact the names of the victims in the report.

DETERMINATION

ISP's request to redact the names of the victims in the report is **approved**. This office has previously concluded that the names of individuals that appear in law enforcement reports that were not arrested may be redacted pursuant to section 7(1)(c). *See* 2011 PAC 12140 (Ill. Att'y Gen. PAC Pre-Auth. al12140, issued February 17, 2011, at 2).

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Accordingly, this office finds that ISP has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the names of the victims referenced in the laboratory reports are exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(c). 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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