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Via Electronic Mail
Mr. Todd E. Rent
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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 12960

Dear Mr. Rent:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Urbana (City) 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 March 2, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request seeking all records relating to a March 6, 2010, incident involving [REDACTED]. In its March 1, 2011, written notice to this office, the City asserts that it had supplied [REDACTED] with a redacted copy of an incident report but seeks to withhold from disclosure, pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of FOIA, four e-mails sent by [REDACTED]. 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."

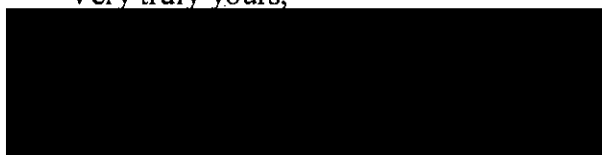
DETERMINATION

The City's request to withhold the four e-mails is **approved**. The City explains that in this instance no arrests were made, and the matter is closed. Disclosure of the emails under these circumstances would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy for [REDACTED]. See 2010 PAC 9687 (Ill Att'y Gen. PAC Pre-Auth al 9687, issued October 18, 2010, at 2).

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Accordingly, this office finds that the City has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the emails 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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MATTHEW C. ROGINA
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Public Access Bureau

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