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Ms. Tammy Maher
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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 15217

Dear Ms. Maher:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Palatine Police Department of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information under section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2010)).

On June 27, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request for all Department records regarding a particular address. In its written notice, the Department asserts that report Nos. 1101165 and 1101291 are exempt, in their entirety, from disclosure under section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA 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 assertion of the section 7(1)(c) exemption to deny the release of the reports in question is **approved**. The reports contain highly personal information about a closed case in which no arrests were made. Additionally, the subject's right to privacy with respect to this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosure of the reports. Thus, release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal

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privacy of the subject of the report. As such, the Department has met its initial burden of demonstrating that these reports are exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 814-5206. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Very truly yours,



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