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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Julie Nistler  
FOIA Officer  
Park Ridge Police Department  
200 South Vine Avenue  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 6944

Dear Ms. Nistler:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Park Ridge Police Department (Department) of its intention to deny certain information as exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

██████████ submitted a FOIA request on April 8, 2010, for any and all records of any charges brought against him by the Park Ridge Police Department. In its written notice, the Department asserted that dates of birth are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c).

**Determination**

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 disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The exemption defines “[u]nwarranted 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.” *Id.*

The Department’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). This type of information is highly personal by its very nature and the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information. As such, the Department should issue a partial denial letter directly to ██████████ and release the records to him with the appropriate information redacted.

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

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

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