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Kerry F. Partridge
Freedom of Information Officer
City of Rockford
425 East State Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 7258

Dear Mr. Partridge:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Rockford (City) of its intention to deny certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended (FOIA). The City is seeking to redact specified portions of narrative from the requested documents.

██████████ submitted a FOIA request on April 15, 2010 for all police reports concerning Mr. Salgado in the past year. In its written notice, the City asserted that the specified portions of narrative in the responsive police reports are exempt 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 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.*

Determinations

The City’s use of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption with regard to the specified portions of narrative is approved. We have reviewed this text and have determined that the disclosure of this narrative would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The narrative is highly personal and the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

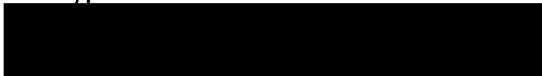
Accordingly, the City may issue a partial denial letter and release the records with the specified portions of narrative redacted if it has not already done so.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-1003. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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