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March 15, 2011

Donna Van Steenhuyse
FOIA Officer
Grayslake Police Department
10 South Seymore Ave
Grayslake, IL 60030

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 12611
Requester: Kevin Mathewson

Dear Ms. Van Steenhuyse:

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

On February 15, 2011, [REDACTED] requested incident reports and police reports relating to a certain address. The Department intends to deny this request, asserting that the responsive reports are exempt in their entirety under Section 7(1)(c).

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.” 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 Department’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) to withhold these reports is approved. These reports relate entirely to a highly personal matter not involving criminal conduct, and the subjects’ right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information. Therefore, we conclude that the Department has met its initial burden of showing that these reports are exempt under Section 7(1)(c). Accordingly, the Department may issue a denial letter directly to [REDACTED]

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



Sarah Kaplan
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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