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Tony Weck  
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City of Urbana  
400 South Vine Street  
Urbana, Illinois 61801

RE: Pre-Authorization Request - 2010 PAC 12708

Dear Mr. Weck:

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

██████████ submitted a FOIA request dated February 28, 2011, seeking certain police reports. In its written notice, the City asserted that one of the reports contains information that is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c). Specifically, the City identified information in the narrative section of one of the reports that it asserts is exempt.

**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 the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." *Id.* 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.*

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The City's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) to redact the information in the narrative section of the report is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). This information is highly personal, and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information.

Accordingly, the City may issue a partial denial letter directly to the requester and release the report with the appropriate information redacted. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Access Counselor's Office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Kaplan* by EK

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