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Ms. Debra J. Ford  
Village Clerk  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Village of Northbrook  
1225 Cedar Lane  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

RE: FOIA Preauthorization Request 2010 PAC 7786

Dear Ms. Ford:

The Office of the Public Access Counselor has received and reviewed the documents provided in response to its June 14, 2010 further inquiry letter. That letter was sent after this office received written notice from the Village of Northbrook of its intention to deny [REDACTED] request for documents in part, based on Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). [REDACTED] had requested a copy of police incident report 10-07538 generated by the Northbrook Police Department. The Village sought to redact a sentence from the police report on the basis that disclosure of the information therein would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 ILCS 140/7(c).

The incident report that this office received from the Village contains redactions other than the one mentioned above. Those redactions generally involve personal information about parties interviewed by the police, including dates of birth. This office will review the additional redactions to determine if they are appropriate under Section 7(1)(c), but the Village is advised for future reference that preauthorization requests must be made if it claims such information is exempt under Section 7(1)(c).

After reviewing the documents received from the Village, we have concluded that the proposed redaction is appropriate under Section 7(1)(c) because the information in the sentence is highly personal in nature and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public information in obtaining the information. Accordingly, the requested exemption is approved.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 814-2770. This

correspondence will serve to close the matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

By:



John Schmidt  
Assistant Attorney General

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