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Ann Kavanaugh  
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Schaumburg Police Department  
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Schaumburg, Illinois 60194-4198

RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2010 PAC 8755

Dear Ms. Kavanaugh:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Schaumburg Police Department (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.

██████████ submitted a FOIA request dated May 10, 2010, seeking a copy of a police report concerning an incident that occurred on May 6, 2010, at 1106 N. Knollwood Drive, Schaumburg, Illinois. In its written notice, the Department asserted that the entire report is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

**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.*

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The Department's use of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption with regard to the police report in its entirety is denied. However, we approve the use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) to redact dates of birth, names of individuals involved in the incident and the narrative description. We have determined that disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy because it pertains to a sensitive matter in which no arrest occurred. 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. Accordingly, the Department has met its burden of demonstrating that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. As such, the Department may issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED]

Please note that home phone numbers and home addresses may be redacted as "private information" under Section 7(1)(b), which does not require pre-authorization from our office.

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,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

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Chief Deputy Public Access Counselor

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