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Michael S. Recupito  
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Round Lake Police Department  
741 West Town Line Road  
Round Lake, Illinois 60073

RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2010 PAC 9284

Dear Mr. Recupito:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Round Lake 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 August 20, 2010, seeking police report number ██████████. In its written notice, the Department asserted that dates of birth and photographs depicting the injuries of one of the subjects are 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.*

The Department's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). This type of information is highly personal by its very nature and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any

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legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

Also, the Department's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to the photographs depicting the injuries of the other subject is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of these photographs would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). 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.

As such, the Department may issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED] and release the records to her 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,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

By:

[REDACTED]  
Amalia Rioja  
Chief Deputy Public Access Counselor

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