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STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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Kathleen Lippert, FOIA Officer
Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office
330 N. Bench Street
Galena, IL 61036

RE: Pre-Authorization Request 2011-PAC-12917

Dear Ms. Lippert:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office of its intention to deny certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c), as amended (FOIA).

[REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request on February 10, 2011 seeking various Court History and Disposition reports. In its written notice, the Sheriff's Office asserted that juvenile's names and personal information, and the names of victims and their family members contained in the reports, are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

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 Sheriff's Office proposes to redact the names of juveniles, any personal information associated with the juveniles, and the names of victims and their family members in the requested reports. The Sheriff Office's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to this information in 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) of FOIA. The juveniles' and victims' right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information.

Accordingly, the Sheriff's Office may issue a partial denial letter and release the report with the appropriate information redacted, if it has not already done so.

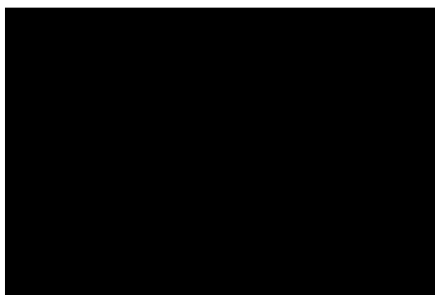
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Friedewald at (217) 558-1926. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



Amanda M. Lundeen
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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