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Patrick McDonald
FOIA Officer
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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2010 PAC 0157

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We have reviewed the Glendale Heights Police Department's pre-authorization request and accompanying documents [REDACTED] submitted a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Police Department on June 24, 2010, seeking a copy of police report number 10-4828. The Police Department denied the request pursuant to sections 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(c) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a), 7(1)(c). Pre-authorization is not necessary to claim an exemption under section 7(1)(a).

Section 7(1)(c) exempts from inspection and copying the following: "personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." "Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

We have reviewed the report and concluded that the narrative in the report contains highly personal information. Although [REDACTED] is the individual who reported the disturbance, the report refers to him only with respect to his initial contact with the police at the scene, where he advised that a physical altercation between two different individuals had taken place. The remainder of the report discusses highly personal information about the two individuals involved in the altercation. Disclosure of the narrative would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, the Police Department's use of section 7(1)(c) is **approved**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 814-5044. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By:



Sunil Bhawe
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