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Nancy Sujet  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Village of Lake in the Hills  
600 Harvest Gate  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

Re: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 9549  
FOIA Requester: Ben Cuttino of LexisNexis

Dear Ms. Sujet:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Lake in the Hills (Village) of its intention to deny disclosure of dates of birth in a police report for being exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

Subsection 7(1)(c) 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”. The exemption defines “unwarranted 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.”

The Village’s use of the subsection 7(1)(c) exemption with regard to dates of birth is **approved**. The information is highly personal by its very nature, and the subjects’ right to privacy with respect to this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining it. Thus, the information is exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of FOIA, as disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy to the subjects of the information.

As such, the Village should issue a partial denial letter directly to the FOIA requester in accordance with this letter. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Public Access Counselor’s Office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

cc: Ben Cuttino  
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