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Kerry F. Partridge, FOIA Officer
City of Rockford
425 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61104-1014

RE: Pre-Authorization Request - 2011.PAC 12482

Dear Mr. Partridge:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Rockford of its intention to deny certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* as amended (FOIA).

[REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request on February 11, 2011 for police reports 09-159716, 09-088614 and 10-034796. In its written notice, the City asserted that certain information in report 09-088614 is 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.*

Determination

The City proposes to redact a portion of the narrative of the report 09-088614 that is a highly personal matter unrelated to the incident contained in the report. The City's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to this portion of the narrative 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. Those statements in the narrative contain information about the subject, the disclosure of which would be objectionable to a reasonable person. The subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information.

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

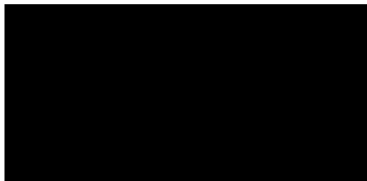
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Friedewald at (217) 558-1926. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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