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Debra J. Ford
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Northbrook
1225 Cedar Lane
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 12746
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Ford:

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

[REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request dated February 17, 2011, in which she sought copies of the following police reports: 11-02693 and 11-02718. In its written notice, the Village asserted that certain information in the narrative portion of each report is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)).

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 the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” *Id.* 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 Village's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) to redact the specific information the Village proposed to redact from the police reports is approved. We have determined that the

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disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). This information is highly personal, and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information.

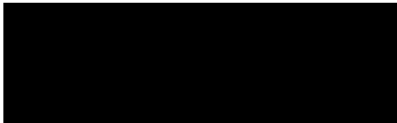
Accordingly, the Village may issue a partial denial letter directly to the requester and release the reports with the appropriate information redacted. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Access Counselor's Office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kaplan by EK

Sarah Kaplan
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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