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Ms. Kathleen Elgas  
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RE: FOIA Preauthorization Request – 2011 PAC 13057

Dear Ms. Elgas:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Lockport Police Department of its intent to withhold certain records requested by [REDACTED] as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). [REDACTED] sought any information, reports or documents relating to three specified individuals.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from disclosure “[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” That provision further defines an “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 Department intends to withhold one report and to provide the requester with a redacted version of another report. We have carefully reviewed the reports in question and conclude that the withheld information is highly personal and disclosure would be objectionable to a reasonable person. Furthermore, the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate interest in obtaining the information that the Department proposes to withhold. Accordingly, the Department’s request to assert the Section 7(1)(c) exemption is approved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312-814-2770. This correspondence

will serve to close the matter.

Sincerely,

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John Schmidt  
Assistant Attorney General

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