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Via Electronic Mail

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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13114

Dear Mr. Sutton:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Illinois State Police (ISP) 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). The ISP is seeking to redact dates of birth from the requested documents.

██████████ submitted a FOIA request on March 14, 2011 for any police reports pertaining to himself. In its written notice, the ISP asserted that the dates of birth are 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 ISP’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to the dates of birth is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This type of information is highly personal by its very nature and the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

Accordingly, the ISP may issue a partial denial letter and release the reports with the dates of birth redacted, if it has not already done so.

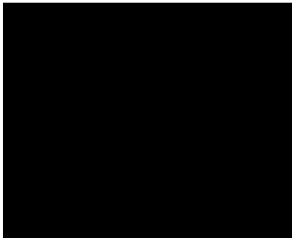
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Friedewald at (217) 558-1926. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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