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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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Beverly Glass  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Frankfort Police Department  
20602 Lincolnway Lane  
Frankfort, IL 60423

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 9810

Dear Ms. Glass:

We have received and reviewed the Frankfort Police Department's notice of intention to withhold information in police Report No. 2010-02765 pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended. [REDACTED] requested a copy of the report, which details an investigation of a harassment complaint that did not result in any arrests. The Department cited Section 7(1)(b) and Section 7(1)(c) as the bases for redacting information from the report. Specifically, the Department seeks to redact birth dates and identifying information of all parties listed in the report with the exception of [REDACTED]

Information in public records is exempt personal information if disclosure would "constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). An "[u]nwarranted invasion of personal privacy" is 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 Department's request to redact birth dates from the report is *approved*. Birth dates are a highly personal form of information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). A subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in the disclosure of his or her date of birth. Therefore, the Department may redact birth dates from the report.


The addresses, telephone numbers and other identifying information that the Department wishes to redact fall under the “[p]rivate information” exemption in Section 7(1)(b). We have not analyzed the use of that exemption because it does not require pre-approval from our office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-6756 or [ssilverman@atg.state.il.us](mailto:ssilverman@atg.state.il.us).

Sincerely,

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Public Access Counselor

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