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Re: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13184  
FOIA Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Trooper Sutton:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Illinois State Police (ISP) of its intention to deny disclosure of requested documents as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On February 8, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to ISP seeking:

1. All records of ISP's decision to revoke [REDACTED] FOID card, #95390755.
2. All records of the house raid at 119 Calumet Road in Marquette Heights by ISP.

In its written notice, ISP asserts that responsive records "contain opinions used to formulate actions." ISP seeks pre-authorization from our office to use the 7(1)(f) exemption to withhold the documents.

**Determination**

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body."

The ISP's use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption with regard to the withheld documents is **approved**. After review of the documents in question, our office has determined that the withheld records are ones in which opinions were expressed and actions were formulated. Further, the documents have not been publicly cited by the head of the public body. Accordingly, ISP has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the withheld information is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca Riddick  
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