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Ms. Debra Ford
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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13330

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.

On March 25, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the Village seeking a copy of incident report no. 10-14184.

In its March 31, 2011 written notice, the Village asserted that certain portions of the report are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)), which 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." 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." On April 11, 2011, the Village supplied us with an unredacted copy of the report. The Village seeks to redact portions of the reports that reference medical information about the alleged victim.

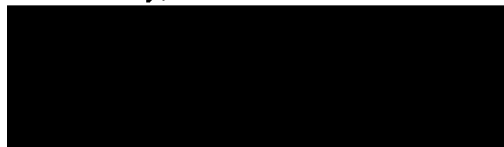
Determination

The Village's request for approval of its decision to withhold certain information in the reports pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) is approved.

Upon review of an unredacted version of the report, we conclude that the victim's right to privacy with regard to the medical information contained in this report outweighs any legitimate public interest in the disclosure of this information.

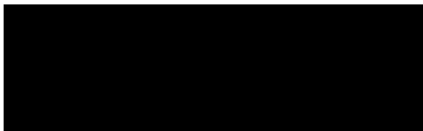
Accordingly, the Village has met its initial burden under Section 7(1)(c) and may redact the information in the reports. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5383. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



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