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Via Electronic Mail

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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13434

Dear Ms. Kavanaugh:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Schaumburg Police Department (Department) 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).

██████████ Claims Representative for State Farm Insurance submitted a FOIA request on April 4, 2011 for incident report #11-4643, #11-4552 and #11-4638. In its written notice, the Department asserted that dates of birth and portions of the narrative regarding a medical condition 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 Department proposes to redact sections of the narrative in report #11-4643 regarding an individual’s medical condition. The Department’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to this portion of the narrative is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. Disclosure of this information in the narrative would be objectionable to a reasonable person. The subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information.

The Department'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 Department may issue a partial denial letter and release the reports with the appropriate information 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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