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Trooper Kerry Sutton
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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 10044
FOIA Requester: Mr. Shawn Johnson

Dear Trooper Sutton:

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

██████████ submitted a FOIA request dated October 1, 2010, seeking a copy of Report #05CR29131. In its written notice the ISP asserted that dates of birth are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

Determination

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." 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.*

The ISP's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is approved. We have determined that a person's date of birth is highly personal information, and the subject's right to privacy with respect to this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in its disclosure. As such, the ISP may issue a partial denial letter directly to Mr. Johnson and release the record with the appropriate information redacted.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Access Counselor's Office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

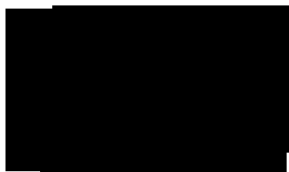
Sincerely,

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