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RE: Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 13433

Dear Ms. Kavanaugh:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Schaumburg Police Department ("Department") of its intention to deny disclosure of names of suspects pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On April 5, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request seeking a copy of the Department's police report No 11-7526, and 11-5431. In its April 7, 2011 written notice to the Office of the Public Access Counselor, the Department asserted that dates of birth are exempt from disclosure under 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." *Id.*

**Determination**

The Department's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to a date of birth is approved. 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. As such, the Department may issue a partial denial letter directly to the requestor and release the records with the appropriate information redacted if it has not already done so.

Accordingly, the City has met its burden of demonstrating that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

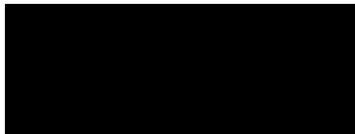
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5383. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



Matthew C. Rogina  
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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