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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Todd E. Rent  
Human Relations/Compliance Officer  
City of Urbana  
400 South Vine Street  
Urbana, Illinois 61801

RE: Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 13435

Dear Mr. Rent:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Urbana 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.

Amy Nichols submitted a FOIA request on March 31, 2011, seeking a copy of Report # U07-2016. In its written notice, the City asserted that the victim's credit report, which is included in the police report, is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)). 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 the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." *Id.* 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**

We have determined that the victim's credit report constitutes "personal financial information" under section 2(c-5) and is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b)).

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Denying disclosure of information under this exemption does not require pre-approval from this Office. Because the City may assert an exemption other than Section 7(1)(c), we decline to determine whether the report is exempt under Section 7(1)(c).

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

Sincerely,

*Sarah Kaplan by EK*

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