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Kerry F. Partridge, FOIA Officer  
Rockford Police Department  
425 East State Street  
Rockford, IL 61104

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13437

Dear Mr. Partridge:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Rockford Police Department (Department) of its intention to deny certain information as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended (FOIA). [REDACTED] a requested police report #11-032475. The Department has requested a pre-authorization to withhold the record pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA (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 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.*

The Department’s request to withhold the record pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) is approved. The Department has confirmed that the Requestor is a third party and is not identified in any portion of the record. We have reviewed a copy of the record, which contains information that is highly personal by its very nature. The subjects’ right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in the disclosure of this type of information. Accordingly, we conclude that the Department has sustained its initial burden of demonstrating that the record is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c).

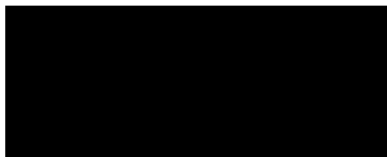
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Friedewald at (217) 558-1926.  
This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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