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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Julie Nistler, FOIA Officer
Park Ridge Police Department
200 S. Vine Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Re: Pre-authorization request – 2011 PAC 13762

Dear Ms. Nistler:

We have received from the Park Ridge Police Department a notice of intention to deny disclosure of certain information under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended. [REDACTED] requested property inventory lists and all other records pertaining to Offense Nos. 1991-08269, 1991-11967, 1991-14298, 1992-00350, 1992-04029. The Department requested pre-authorization to redact all names of individuals, with the exception of [REDACTED], from an evidence log pursuant to Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The Department has clarified in a telephone conversation that the redacted names identify individuals whose property either was checked into or checked out of the Department's evidence room; the two entries in the evidence log which reference [REDACTED] were not redacted.

It is not necessary for the Public Access Counselor (PAC) to determine whether the Department may redact the names of individuals from the evidence log under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. Those names are not within the scope of [REDACTED] FOIA request for records pertaining to specific criminal investigations.

The Department also redacted a personal license plate number from the evidence log under Section 7(1)(b) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b)). Section 7(1)(b) exempts from disclosure "private information," which by definition includes personal license plate numbers. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5). The Department does not require prior approval from PAC to redact private information pursuant to Section 7(1)(b). *See* 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b).

This letter shall serve to close this file. If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 814-6756.

Sincerely,



Steve Silverman
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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