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Beverly Glass  
Frankfort Police Department  
20602 Lincoln Way Ln.  
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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request, 2010 PAC 10810

Dear Ms. Glass:

We have reviewed Frankfort Police Department's pre-authorization request and associated documents to determine whether section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)) was properly asserted to withhold information concerning birthdates from a police report. On November 17, 2010, [REDACTED] requested a copy of all police reports in the previous 12 months concerning [REDACTED] Frankfort, Illinois and [REDACTED] Frankfort, Illinois. The Police Department has requested pre-authorization to redact information concerning birthdates.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying the following: "personal information contained within public records the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

We **approve** of the Police Department's use of Section 7(1)(c) to redact the birthdates from the police reports. A birthdate is highly personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, we conclude that the Police Department has properly redacted the birthdates from the police reports.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 814-5044. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor



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Assistant Attorney General

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