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December 3, 2010

Deputy Clerk Laura Godette
Village of Tinley Park
16250 S. Oak Park Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 10988
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Godette:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Tinley Park (Village) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On November 23, 2010, the Village received [REDACTED]'s request for a police report. In its written notice, the Village asserted that the dates of birth included in that report are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

Determination

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 Village's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to the dates of birth is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). This type of information is highly personal, and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

As such, the Village should issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED] and release the report to him with the appropriate information redacted.

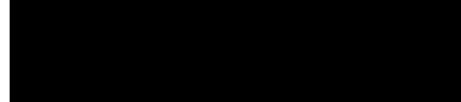
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

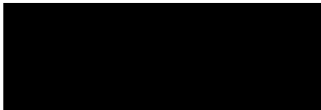
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