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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 11018
Requester: Michael Schmidt

Dear Ms. Kruse:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Des Plaines 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 19, 2010, [REDACTED] requested police report number 10-36556. In its written notice, the City 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 City’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 information is highly personal, and the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information.

As such, the City should issue a partial denial letter directly to Mr. [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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