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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 29, 2010

City of Park Ridge  
Julie Nistler, FOIA Officer  
200 South Vine Avenue  
Park Ridge, IL 60068-6000

Re: Pre-authorization request – 2010 PAC 11494

Dear Ms. Nistler:

We have received the Park Ridge Police Department's (Department) notice of intention to deny disclosure of certain information requested under the Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended. [REDACTED] requested a copy of records regarding criminal damage to property at 119 North Seminary Drive. The Department asserted that the birth dates of individuals who filed complaints or provided information to police are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)).

Information in public records is exempt if disclosure would "constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). An "[u]nwarranted invasion of personal privacy" is 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.*

**Determination**

The Department's request for pre-approval to redact birth dates pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) is **approved**. Birth dates are a highly personal form of information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. A subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in the disclosure of his or her date of birth.


The Department intends to redact additional information pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b)), and Section 7(1)(d)(iv) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(iv)). We make no determination at this

time regarding those exemptions because only the assertion of the Section 7(1)(c) and Section 7(1)(f) exemptions by a public body require pre-approval from this office.

This letter shall serve to close this file. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-6756 or [ssilverman@atg.state.il.us](mailto:ssilverman@atg.state.il.us).

Sincerely,

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