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Julie Nistler  
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City of Park Ridge Police Department  
200 S. Vine Ave.  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 11751  
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Nistler:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Park Ridge Police Department 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 140/7(1)(c).

On December 29, 2010, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the Department seeking all complaints and reports regarding certain addresses. In its written notice, the Department asserted that the dates of birth included in the responsive records 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 Department’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) of FOIA. This type of information is highly personal, and the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information. Accordingly, the Department properly issued a partial

denial letter directly to [REDACTED] and released the responsive records to her with the appropriate information redacted.

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

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

By:

[REDACTED]  
Sarah Kaplan  
Assistant Public Access Counselor

cc:

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