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Beth Janicki Clark
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Downers Grove
801 Burlington Ave.
Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2011 PAC 11829

Dear Ms. Clark:

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

██████████ submitted a FOIA request dated January 6, 2010, seeking various police reports. In its written notice, the Village asserted that certain narrative statements 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." 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."

The Village's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to certain narrative statements is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of this information 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 by its very nature and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information. As such, the Village may issue a partial denial letter directly to the requester and release the records with the appropriate information redacted.


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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Access Counselor's Office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.


Sincerely,

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