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February 3, 2011

Kerry Sutton
Freedom of Information Officer
Illinois State Police
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Springfield, IL 19461

RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2010 PAC 12063

Dear Trooper Sutton:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Illinois State Police 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 21, 2011, seeking laboratory reports. In its written notice, the ISP asserted that victim names 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.*

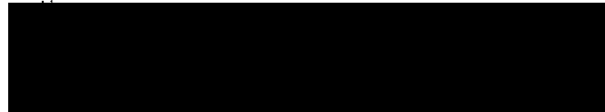
The ISP’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to victim names is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). This type of information is highly personal by its very nature and the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information. As such, the ISP may issue a partial denial letter directly to the requester and release the records with the appropriate information

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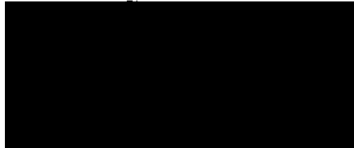
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Access Counselor's Office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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Amalia Rioja
Acting Public Access Counselor

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