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Tpr. Kerry Sutton
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RE: Pre-Authorization Request 2011 PAC 12697

Dear Tpr. Sutton:

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

Specifically, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the ISP seeking a copy of Laboratory Report No. C10-021674. In its March 3, 2011 written notice to the Office of the Public Access Counselor, the ISP asserted that the name of the victim is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)) which 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." *Id.*

Determination

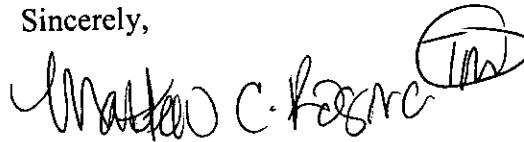
The ISP's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to the names of the victim is approved.

Disclosure of this information could be considered highly personal or objectionable to the reasonable person and no legitimate public interest exists in the disclosure of the information.

Accordingly, the Department has met its initial burden of demonstrating that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5383. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Matthew C. Rogina in cursive, with a circled 'M' above the signature.

Matthew C. Rogina
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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