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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P584723**

Dear Muck Rock News:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In it, you request:

...Copies of the attachment sheets, summary digest report, and any other final disposition documentation (e.g., an Administrative Closure order, mediation agreement, grievance decision or arbitration award) for each of the following CR investigations: 1080836, 1075618, 1076063, 1085870, 1079354, 1061660, 1070850, 1044352, 307967, 295382, 234433, 271677, 274474...

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. A search was conducted based on the parameters provided within your request. In communication with the Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA), a search was conducted and Summary Digests for CR Logs 1080836, 1075618, 1076063, 1085870, 1079354, 1061660, 1070850, 1044352, 307967, 295382, 234433, 271677, 274474 can be provided, however, please be advised that the Department has redacted certain information, as explained further below.

Section 7(1)(b) exempts from disclosure "[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). The FOIA, in 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5), defines "private information" as follows:

"Private information" means unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person."

Therefore, home addresses, social security numbers, telephone numbers, and driver's license numbers were properly redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b). Likewise, Department employee user codes and employee identification numbers are exempt and were properly redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b).

In addition, dates of births, signatures, and the names of victims and those who provided information to the police were also redacted, as they are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) of FOIA. Section 7(1)(c) exempts from inspection and copying the following:

"[P]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy... 'Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy' means the disclosure of information is that highly personal or objectionable to reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." Id.

Victims and witnesses have a strong interest in keeping their identity private and therefore their names were properly redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. Moreover, dates of birth are highly personal and were also properly redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

In addition, names of persons who filed a complaint and/or provided information to law enforcement personnel have also been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(iv) which protects information that would:

(iv) unavoidably disclose the identity of a confidential source, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source, or persons who file complaints with or provide information to administrative, investigative, law enforcement, or penal agencies; except that the identities of witnesses to traffic accidents, traffic accident reports, and rescue reports shall be provided by agencies

Names of persons such as victims(s) and/or witness(es) are exempt and were properly redacted to protect their identity.

Lastly, please be aware that 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f) exempts from disclosure:

"Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body"

Accordingly, information pertaining to decision making processes, deliberative matters, and command channel review has been redacted as it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Finally, please be advised that certain information has been withheld from the enclosed responsive records pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d). Details of the redactions are set forth below:

Exemption 7(1)(d)(vi)(5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(vi) (West 2010), as amended by Public Acts 97-333, effective August 12, 2011; 97-385, effective August 15, 2011; 97-452, effective August 19, 2011), provides that a public body may withhold information if disclosure would endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel or any other person. Therefore, names and information of undercover officers are withheld. First, keeping the identity of undercover officers confidential is important to maintaining public safety. Undercover officers are often assigned to investigations that promote public safety. If an undercover officer is identified, a highly sensitive investigation that he or she is a part of will be compromised resulting in dangerous criminals remaining on the streets of the City of Chicago. Moreover, officer safety could be compromised if criminals learn the identities of undercover officers who were involved in investigations against them.

Additionally, section 7(1)(d)(v) (West 2010), as amended by Public Acts 97-333, effective August 12, 2011; 97-385, effective August 15, 2011; 97-452, effective August 19, 2011) which exempts records that would, "[d]isclose unique or specialized investigative techniques other than those generally used and known or disclose internal documents of correctional agencies related to detection, observation or investigation of incidents of crime or misconduct, and disclosure would result in demonstrable harm to the agency or public body that is the recipient of the request." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(v). Therefore, undercover officer names and units were withheld, as disclosure would mean they can no longer work as undercover officers.

The available redacted records you have requested are enclosed. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

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Attention: Freedom of Information Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114  
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You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Cook County under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,  
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