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Via Email:

Invisible Institute 100051-73595791@requests.muckrock.com

RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST

FOIA FILE NO.: P591181

Dear Invisible Institute:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), request for the following:

"Copies of the attachment sheets, summary digest report, and any other final disposition documentation (e.g., a disciplinary recommendation, an Administrative Closure order, mediation agreement, grievance decision or arbitration award) for each of the following CR investigations. If possible, please provide all files associated with each individual CR together in one PDF file per CR number.

1006790

1008394

1003900

1007921

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245276"

CPD and in collaboration with the Bureau of Internal affairs reviewed your request and is interpreting your request as seeking the Complaint Registers: 1006790, 1008394, 1003900, 1007921, 1009563, 1009625, 1009048, 1004978, 1004208, 245276. You are receiving the above Complaint Registers as the responsive records to your request.

Please be advised that certain information has been redacted from the enclosed responsive records pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b), 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) and 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d). Details of the redactions are explained 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, signatures, IR numbers, social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, telephone numbers, home addresses, license plates have been redacted.

In addition, date of birth, victims' name, witnesses, complainant, suspects who have not been charged or arrested were also redacted as this information is exempt and protected 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, witnesses, suspects who have not been charged or arrested, and other third-party individuals 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.

Names of persons who 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

You have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a). When filing a Request for Review, you must include a copy of the original FOIA request and a denial letter. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court. You can file a request for review by writing to the following:

Public Access Counselor Office of the Attorney General

500 S. 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62706

Phone: 312-814-5526 or 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642) Fax: 217-782-1396 E-mail: <u>publicaccess@atg.state.il.us</u>

Please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at 312-745-5308.

Sincerely,

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