

January 21, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Donna Allison
Paralegal
Chadwick & Lakerdas
Email: [REDACTED]

RE: 16-FOIA-005 Police Report - 12/28/15 Accident

Dear Ms. Allison:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“**FOIA**”).

I. Background

On January 13, 2016, we received your request for a copy of the police report regarding an accident that occurred on December 28, 2015, at 87th and Pulaski in Hometown involving your client, [REDACTED] (“**Request**”). Your Request denied.

II. Denial

The requested report contains information regarding the arrest, investigation or disposition of a case involving minors. Section 7(1)(a) of FOIA authorizes units of government to withhold “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing federal or State law.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a). The Juvenile Court Act, in pertinent part, states that “Law enforcement officers ... may not disclose the identity of any minor in releasing information to the general public as to the arrest, investigation or disposition of any case involving a minor.” 705 ILCS 405/1-7(E). As noted above, the report contains information involving minors and as such, it has been determined by Attorney Thomas Stuebner that your Request for this report is denied.

III. Right of Review

You have the right to have the denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“**PAC**”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

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If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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