

April 12, 2016

**VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Diane Pascale  
The Abrams Law Group, Ltd.  
[REDACTED]

RE: 16-FOIA-090 Photos - [REDACTED] Incident 2/26/2016

Dear Ms. Pascale:

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 April 11, 2016, we received your request for photographs of the incident occurring in the Cook County Forest Preserve on February 26, 2016, involving [REDACTED] (“Request”). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

**II. Responsive Documents**

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with the photographs from the above-referenced incident (“Responsive Documents”).

**III. Partial Denial**

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain "private information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). "Private information" is defined as "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 e-mail addresses," as well as home address, and personal license plates. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5). Accordingly, per Attorney Thomas Stuebner, any such private information within the above-mentioned Responsive Documents has been redacted.

**IV. Right of Review**

You have the right to have the partial 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](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us).

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 partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial 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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