



March 13, 2017

VIA FACSIMILE [REDACTED] **and US Mail to Requestor**

Ms. Rachel Harman
[REDACTED]

RE: 17-FOIA-074 Police Report MP-17-000-11179

Dear Ms. Harman:

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 March 10, 2017, we received your request for a Police Report connected to the theft of her purse containing [REDACTED] (“Request”). In addition you asked that we fax the Police Report to [REDACTED]. Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Document

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with Metra Police Report #MP-17-000-11179 (“Responsive Document”).

III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain information. Therefore, Attorney Jamie Harrmann has determined that the following portions of the Responsive Document are exempt from disclosure under certain provisions of FOIA:

1. The employee numbers of the parties mentioned in the Responsive Document are being redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts “private information.” “Employee numbers” are specifically mentioned within the definition of “private information” found in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA.

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:

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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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Hatch".

Sonserese Hatch
Freedom of Information Officer
foia@metrarr.com
FOIA Hotline #312-663-3642

Attachment