

February 12, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Justin M. Campbell Palladium Claims Examiner

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RE: 19-FOIA-031 Report - 1/11/2019

Dear Mr. Campbell:

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 30, 2019, we received your request for a report to Metra's Lost & Found and / or the Metra Police Department concerning the loss or theft of a pearl necklace belonging to while she rode on a Metra train from Chicago to Kenilworth on January 11, 2019, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. ("Request").

II. Responsive Document

In response to your Request, the Ogilvie Transportation Center's lost and found department is providing you with a page from its lost and found log noting that on January 14, 2019, losing a pearl necklace on a Union Pacific Northline train ("Responsive Document").

After performing a diligent search of Metra's records, we have been unable to locate any further records responsive to your Request for a police report regarding this matter. Metra's Police Department advises it was unable to locate a report filed by reporting the loss or theft of a pearl necklace.

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 Keith Pardonnet has determined that the following portions of the Responsive Document are exempt from disclosure under certain provisions of FOIA:

- 1. The personal telephone numbers of the parties mentioned in the Responsive Document are redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts "private information." "Personal telephone numbers" are specifically mentioned within the definition of "private information" found in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA.
- 2. The names of third-parties mentioned in the Responsive Document, are redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA, which exempts "personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy...." Section 7(1)(c) goes on to say that,

"'Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy' means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." It has been determined that the aforementioned data falls squarely within that definition and its redaction is appropriate under 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:

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 we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Haton

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Freedom of Information Officer

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