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IN REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

August 30, 2016

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EP-1

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Ms. Youngerman:

On August 16, 2016, the Village of Elmwood Park received your Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*) ("FOIA") request for the following records:

"Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting records, or a list preferably in Excel, of police owned guns that are classified as missing, stolen, unaccounted for or any other term involving the unknown location of a police gun. Can we get records from 2012-present? Please include each type of gun; date and location it went "missing/stolen etc."; serial number; job title of who was responsible for the gun, and if publicly available, the name of the police employee whose gun it was; and it's classification such as missing or stolen etc..."

We also request a list of guns missing, stolen, unaccounted for or any other term involving the unknown location of a gun that was being held as evidence. Please include each type of gun; date and location it went "missing/stolen etc."; serial number; evidence case number; name of person arrested with the gun along with the arrest date; and it's classification such as missing or stolen etc..."

Enclosed please find the records responsive to your FOIA request. However, please be advised that certain information in the records responsive to your FOIA request has been determined to be exempt from disclosure under FOIA. Accordingly, such information has been redacted from the records being provided.

Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA provides that "private information" is exempt from disclosure. "Private information" is defined in FOIA as, "unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial

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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.” 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5). Consequently, certain unique identifiers, including signatures, have been redacted from the records being provided.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA provides that, “[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy” is exempt from disclosure. Consequently, a birthdate, and other personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, including the race of an individual, have been redacted from the records being provided.

The person responsible for the decision to deny a portion of your FOIA request is the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer, Gina Pesko. In accordance with Section 9(a) of FOIA, you are hereby notified that you have the right to file a Request for Review regarding the decision made by the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer with the Public Access Counselor at the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. You can file your Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor by writing to:

Sarah Pratt  
Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Public Access Counselor, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor.

You are also notified that you have the right to judicial review regarding the decision made by the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer pursuant to Section 11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

STORINO, RAMELLO & DURKIN  
Attorneys for the Village of Elmwood Park

  
Erin C. Tinaglia

Enclosures

EPPD MASTER ARMS LIST 2/2						
MAKE	MODEL	CALIBER	S/N	FINISH	TYPE	NOTES
GLOCK	17C	9MM LUGER	FRB279	BLACK	PISTOL	STOLEN NIC/G2
INTERARMS	UZI	9MM LUGER	080092		SMG	STOLEN NIC/ G1

LAST INVENTORY COMPLETED: 01 AUG 2016

**ELMWOOD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**OFFENSE REPORT**

REPORT NUMBER

UCR

METHOD CODE

PLACE CODE

CASE STATUS

(1) OCCURRED ON OR BETWEEN		Mo.	Date	Yr.	Day	Time	(2) BEAT	(3) REPORT NUMBER		
		02	21	13	THU		SUB BEAT	14-2320		
(4) REPORTED		03	15	14	SAT	0347	(5) INCIDENT CLASSIFICATION Theft			
(6) LOCATION OF INCIDENT 7420 W. Fullerton Avenue					(7) FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS Elmwood Park Police Training Center					
(8) VICTIM'S NAME (last, first, middle) Village of Elmwood Park					(9) RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS 11 Conti Parkway Elmwood Park IL, 60707					
(10) RESIDENCE PHONE		(11) BUSINESS PHONE		(12) SEX	RACE	AGE	(13) DOB Mo. Date Yr.	(14) SOCIAL SECURITY OR PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		
		(708) 452-7300								
(15) REPORTED BY (last, first, middle) Officer B. Hock #6089					(16) RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS 7420 W. Fullerton Avenue Elmwood Park IL 60707					
(17) RESIDENCE PHONE		(18) BUSINESS PHONE		(19) SEX	RACE	AGE	(20) DOB Mo. Date Yr.	(21) SOCIAL SECURITY OR PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		
		(708) 452-2137						6089		
<b>INJURY</b>		(22) NATURE AND EXTENT OF INJURY					(23) HOSPITALIZED / WHERE TREATED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
(24) ATTENDING/PRONOUNCING PHYSICIAN			(25) TRANSPORTED BY			(26) PRONOUNCED DOA Mo. Date Yr. Time		(27) M.E. NAME		(28) DATE & TIME NOTIFIED
<b>WEAPON</b>		(29) <input type="checkbox"/> USED <input type="checkbox"/> DISPLAYED <input type="checkbox"/> IMPLIED		<input type="checkbox"/> HANDGUN <input type="checkbox"/> SHOTGUN <input type="checkbox"/> RIFLE		<input type="checkbox"/> KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTRU.		(30) DESCRIBE WEAPON		<input type="checkbox"/> BLUE STEEL <input type="checkbox"/> CHROME PLATED <input type="checkbox"/> NICKEL PLATED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
<b>(31) WAS THERE A WITNESS TO THE OFFENSE? IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX A</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
W	(32) ADDRESS CHECKED	PERSON INTERVIEWED (last, first, middle)					DOB Mo. Date Yr.	TELEPHONE NO. RES.		
NC		-See Narrative-						BUS.		
W							Mo. Date Yr.	TELEPHONE NO. RES.		
NC								BUS.		
W							Mo. Date Yr.	TELEPHONE NO. RES.		
NC								BUS.		
W							Mo. Date Yr.	TELEPHONE NO. RES.		
NC								BUS.		
<b>(34) CAN THE SUSPECT BE DESCRIBED? IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX B</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
SUSPECT NAME (ARRESTED YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		RACE	SEX	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	SCARS/MARKS		
-See Narrative-										
CLOTHING WORN BY SUSPECT					OTHER DISTINGUISHING FEATURES					
SUSPECT NAME (ARRESTED YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		RACE	SEX	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	SCARS/MARKS		
CLOTHING WORN BY SUSPECT					OTHER DISTINGUISHING FEATURES					
<b>(33) CAN SUSPECT BE NAMED? IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX C</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
<b>(35) CAN SUSPECT BE LOCATED? IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX D</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
SUSPECT		NAME/NICKNAME/AKA			ADDRESS/FREQUENTS					
		-See Narrative-								
<b>(37) CAN SUSPECT BE IDENTIFIED? IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX E</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
NAME WITNESS/VICTIM THAT CAN IDENTIFY SUSPECT (last, first, middle)										
<b>(38) HAS SUSPECT BEEN PREVIOUSLY SEEN? IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX F</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
(39) REPORTING OFFICER		STAR	SUPERVISOR APPROVING		STAR	REPORT REVIEW	C.A.			
		6089	RIEGER		9/14					

<b>(40) CAN SUSPECT VEHICLE BE IDENTIFIED?</b>				<b>IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX G</b>				<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(41) VEHICLE STATUS</b>		VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	COLOR	
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT <input type="checkbox"/> STOLEN <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM VEHICLE								
LICENSE NUMBER	STATE	EXPIRES	VIN	DESCRIBE DAMAGE TO VEHICLE				
LIEN HOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS								
IDENTIFYING FEATURES		KEYS IN IGNITION	TOWED	LEADS MESSAGE		INVENTORY		
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			Mo. Date Yr.		

<b>(42) IS STOLEN PROPERTY TRACEABLE?</b>							<b>IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX H</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>(43) NO.</b>	ARTICLE	BRAND/MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER	LEADS NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	VALUE		
1	9mm Semi-Automatic Pistol	Glock 17C	FRB279		Black/Polymer	\$450		
	9mm Automatic	Interarms Israeli Uzi	080092		Black	n/a		

<b>(44) HAS EVIDENCE TECH. WORK BEEN REQUESTED?</b>	<b>IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX I</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>(45) WILL VICTIM/COMPLAINANT PROSECUTE IF ARREST IS MADE?</b>	<b>IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX J</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>(46) IS THERE SIGNIFICANT M.O. PRESENT?</b>	<b>IF YES PLACE AN X IN BOX K</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>(47) PLACE OF ATTACK</b>	<b>TYPE OF STRUCTURE</b>	<b>POINT OF ENTRY</b>	<b>METHOD AND SUSPECT ACTIONS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Street <input type="checkbox"/> Alley <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Yard <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment/Comm. Area <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Storage Locker <input type="checkbox"/> Basement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Front Door <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Door <input type="checkbox"/> Window <input type="checkbox"/> Roof/Skylight <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Door <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Slide Door <input type="checkbox"/> Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Transom <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Jimmy <input type="checkbox"/> Brute Force <input type="checkbox"/> Smash/Grab <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Grip <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Lock <input type="checkbox"/> Lock Pulled <input type="checkbox"/> Key <input type="checkbox"/> Slip Lock <input type="checkbox"/> Broke/Damaged Glass <input type="checkbox"/> Unlocked/Open <input type="checkbox"/> Hid In Building <input type="checkbox"/> Purse Snatch <input type="checkbox"/> Chain Snatch <input type="checkbox"/> Home Invasion <input type="checkbox"/> Smash/Grab Auto <input type="checkbox"/> Theft From Person <input type="checkbox"/> Ransacked/Vandalized <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>OCCUPANCY</b>	<i>If residence, where were occupants?</i>	<b>ALARM SYSTEM</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned/Vacant		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <b>ALARM CIRCUMVENTED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Struck/Injured Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Battery <input type="checkbox"/> Slim Jim <input type="checkbox"/> Pegged Column <input type="checkbox"/> Ignition Pulled <input type="checkbox"/> Punched Trunk <input type="checkbox"/> Asked Directions <input type="checkbox"/> Offered USC/Candy <input type="checkbox"/> Approached From Rear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Took Into Concealment <input type="checkbox"/> Made Threats <input type="checkbox"/> Used Victim's Name <input type="checkbox"/> Took Only Concealables <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Needed

**(48) CASE SUMMARY: PROVIDE BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE EVENTS AS THEY OCCURRED**

On 02/21/13, retired Rangemaster/Officer Dan Paoletti and I were inspecting the range inventory at the Elmwood Park Training Center. Upon inspection, Officer Paoletti advised me a Glock 17c and an Interarms Uzi were missing from the department range inventory. The incident was documented accordingly and Ofc. Paoletti did not have the serial numbers for the weapons at the time. Officer Paoletti advised he would go through his records at his residence to attempt to locate the serial numbers. (See attached memorandum).

On 03/12/14, retired Officer Paoletti came to the training center to inspect the exhaust system for the range. Upon his arrival, Officer Paoletti advised me he had information on the missing weapons from the range inventory. Officer Paoletti advised me he had a friend contact him stating he saw a weapon which resembled his father's Uzi and someone was selling it.

Officer Paoletti advised me his father was given the Interarms Uzi and donated it to the range inventory years prior. Officer Paoletti said his friend advised him John Waslenko, m [redacted] was selling the weapon for \$1000. Officer Paoletti advised the incident occurred approximately 1 month ago and his friend told him about the weapon days after the incident. Officer Paoletti was able to find the serial numbers for the missing weapons in his records.

-See Continuation-

<b>(49) CAN OFFENSE BE SOLVED WITH REASONABLE AMOUNT OF INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT?</b>	<b>IF YES PLACE X IN BOX L</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>(50) IS THERE A REASON TO BELIEVE THAT INVESTIGATION CANNOT BE COMPLETED AT THIS TIME?</b>	<b>IF YES PLACE X IN BOX M</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>BLOCK #</b>	<b>(51) ENTER DETAILED INFORMATION RELATED TO THE BLOCK ABOVE WITH CORRESPONDING BLOCK NUMBER AT LEFT</b>

# Continuation Report

14-2320



ELMWOOD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



Case Report: 14-2320

Title: Theft

Officer: B.Hock #6089

Date: 03/15/14

Continuation:

Retired Officer Paoletti was aware John Wasilenko was a Sergeant for the Elmwood Park Police Department and was currently on administrative leave. Officer Paoletti advised the Glock 17c and the Interarms Uzi were both in the range inventory upon his retirement. Officer Paoletti advised he was relieved of his duties as Rangemaster upon retirement and Sergeant Wasilenko took his place as the new Rangemaster.

Since becoming the Rangemaster in 2012, I have never seen either of these weapons in the range inventory. To my knowledge, these weapons were not sent out for repair and no person(s) had permission to be in possession of the weapons. The third weapon (Remington 870) listed as missing in my 2013 memorandum was recovered within the department.

Officer Paoletti advised he would cooperate with our agency and to contact him if the incident is to be investigated (708) 280-6000.

On 03/13/14, I advised Sergeant Klisz on the information retired Officer Paoletti had given me. Sergeant Klisz advised me to document the incident in order to enter the weapons into the LEADS system as stolen.

I faxed a copy of this report to WESCOM for LEADS entry purposes.

-Forward to Investigations-

-End-

<sup>#6089</sup>  
[Redacted Signature]

B.Hock #6089

*RIEGER* <sup>9/10/14</sup>

Supervisor