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IN REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.  
EP-1

Via E-Mail: [vinit45@yahoo.com](mailto:vinit45@yahoo.com)  
Mr. Vinit Sureshkumar Patel  
4551 N. Christiana Avenue, Apt. 3  
Chicago, Illinois 60625

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Mr. Patel:

On February 7, 2017, the Village of Elmwood Park received your Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*) ("FOIA") request for the following records:

"17-337"

Your request has been granted in part and denied in part. Enclosed are records responsive to your FOIA request. However, please be advised that certain information in the records being provided has been determined to be exempt from disclosure under FOIA, and that 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, VIN, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial 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 names attributable to home address, employee identification numbers, home or personal telephone numbers, and home addresses 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, birthdates, an individual's race, a victim's name and identifying information, and other personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, have been redacted from the records being provided.

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Section 7 (1) (d) (iv) of FOIA provides that, “[r]ecords in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes...” are exempt from disclosure, “but only to the extent that disclosure would...unavoidably disclose the identity of a confidential source, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source, or persons who file complaints with or provide information to administrative, investigative, law enforcement, or penal agencies...” Consequently, information that would reveal the identity of persons who have filed complaints with or who have provided information to the Village of Elmwood Park Police Department has 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](mailto: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

  
Peter A. Pacione

Enclosures

# INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Agency Name  
**Elmwood Park Police Department**

ORI  
**IL0163100**

Cas#  
**17-00337**

Date / Time Reported  
**02/05/2017 18:15 Sun**

Last Known Secure  
**02/05/2017 18:15 Sun**

At Found  
**02/05/2017 18:15 Sun**

Location of Incident <b>7705 Belmont Av, Elmwood Park IL 60707-</b>	Premise Type <b>Liquor Store</b>	Zone/Tract <b>E1</b>	Activity <b>02/05/2017 18:15 Sun</b>
#1 Crime Incident(s) (Com) <b>Armed Robbery 0310</b>	Weapon / Tools <b>HANDGUN</b>		Activity
#2 Crime Incident ( )	Entry	Exit	Security
#3 Crime Incident ( )	Weapon / Tools		Activity
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# of Victims **1** Type: **INDIVIDUAL** Injury:

V1	Victim/Business Name (Last, First, Middle)	Victim of Crime #	DOB	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
	[REDACTED]	<b>1</b>	<b>Age 45</b>		<b>F</b>	<b>IUR</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	

Home Address: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Employer Name/Address: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED] Mobile Phone: [REDACTED]

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Type: **INDIVIDUAL** Injury:

Code	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Victim of Crime #	DOB	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
<b>RP</b>	[REDACTED]		<b>Age 25</b>		<b>M</b>		<b>Non-Resident</b>	

Home Address: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Employer Name/Address: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED] Mobile Phone: [REDACTED]

Type: Injury:

Code	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Victim of Crime #	DOB	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
			<b>Age</b>					

Home Address: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Employer Name/Address: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED] Mobile Phone: [REDACTED]

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1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown  
(\*OJ\* = Recovered for Other Jurisdiction)

VI	Code	Status	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description	Make/Model	Serial Number
<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>MONEY / CASH</b>		

Officer/ID# **SCHAK, K. (PATL, PAT)**

Invest ID# **RANSOM, D. (INV, INV)** Supervisor **ZELASCO, M. (PATL, PAT)**

Status Complainant Signature Case Status **Pending / Active** Case Disposition: **2** **02/06/2017** **02/06/2017** Page 1

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Elmwood Park Police Department

Case # 17-00337

Status Codes 1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown

	IBR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	
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Assisting Officers  
 ZELASCO, M. ( [REDACTED] ) BRAND, T. ( [REDACTED] ), GIOVENCO, J. ( [REDACTED] )

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

NARRATIVE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE**

Elmwood Park Police Department

OCA 17-00337
Date / Time Reported Sun 02/05/2017 18:15

Victim  
[REDACTED]

Offense  
**ARMED ROBBERY**

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On 02/05/17 at 1815 hours, I was dispatched to an Armed Robbery at 7705 Belmont Av, A and D Liquor.

Upon arrival, I spoke with the clerk, [REDACTED] stated he was sitting behind the counter when two subjects entered the store. [REDACTED] stood up to greet them. One subject pointed a gun at [REDACTED] and yelled, "Open the register, give me all the money and lay on the floor otherwise I'll shoot you!" [REDACTED] pushed the no sale button for the register to open then went to the floor. The subject took the money out of the register. Both subjects left the store through the front entrance and fled eastbound Belmont. When [REDACTED] heard the door chime, he knew the subjects left so he got up and pressed the panic button, then dialed 9-1-1.

[REDACTED] described the offender with the gun as male/white, medium, black hooded sweatshirt, dark colored pants. [REDACTED] described the other offender as male/white, medium, black hooded sweatshirt, dark colored pants. [REDACTED] described the gun as a silver handgun.

Officer Giovenco [REDACTED] searched the area with negative results.

Officer Zelasco [REDACTED] arrived on scene and notified Detective Commander Klisz [REDACTED].

Officer Zelasco and I reviewed the surveillance video. The offenders walk from the corner of 77th Av/Belmont Av. There is an unknown female/white wearing a long overcoat and gray hat walking a small white dog westbound Belmont Av. When she sees the offenders enter the store she begins to run westbound with her dog. They enter the store through the front door. [REDACTED] stands up and the offender #1 points a silver automatic handgun at [REDACTED]. Offender #1 jumps on the counter and climbs to behind the counter. Offender #1 takes money from the register. Offender #2 is watching the front door and then walks around to behind the counter. Offender #2 takes money from the register. Offender #1 climbs back over the counter and runs to the back room of the business. Offender #2 paces in the front of the store while waiting for his accomplice. In the back room, offender #1 opens a drawer in a desk in the back room and then tries to open the rear door of the business without success. He runs back to the front of the store and both offenders exit through the front door. The offenders fled eastbound Belmont Av and then southbound 77th Av.

Offender #1 is male/white, tall, thin, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants and brown boots. There is a white "Nike" logo over his left breast. Offender #2 is a male/white, tall, thin, wearing a black sweatshirt with a gray hood and gray sleeves, black pants and white gym shoes. There is a gray "Adidas" logo across the chest of his sweatshirt.


Attempts to locate the unknown female subject were unsuccessful.

Officer Brand [REDACTED], Evidence Technician, arrived on scene and processed it. (See Brand's report)

The owner, [REDACTED], arrived on scene and advised she will keep the store closed until Criminal Investigations Division recovers the video from the surveillance system.

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

Elmwood Park Police Department

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Victim 	Offense ARMED ROBBERY	Date / Time Reported Sun 02/05/2017 18:15
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Nothing further.

# Incident Report Related Property List

Elmwood Park Police Department

OCA: 17-00337

1	Property Description <b>MONEY / CASH</b>	Make	Model	Caliber
	Color	Serial No.	Value <b>\$0.00</b>	Qty <b>1.000</b>
			Unit	Jurisdiction <b>Locally</b>
	Status <b>Stolen</b>	Date <b>02/05/2017</b>	NIC #	State #
			Local #	OAN
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>[REDACTED]</b>	DOB <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Age <b>45</b>	Race
				Sex <b>F</b>

Notes

CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Printed: 02/08/2017 11:46

Elmwood Park Police Department

OCA: 1700337

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Case Status: PENDING / ACTIVE

Case Mug Status: PENDING / ACTIVE

Occurred: 02/05/2017

Offense: ARMED ROBBERY

Investigator: BRAND, T. [REDACTED]

Date / Time: 02/05/2017 20:41:27, Sunday

Supervisor: ZELASCO, M. [REDACTED]

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 02/05/2017 21:33:35, Sunday

Contact:

Reference: Evidence Report

On 02-05-17 I was called to process scene at 7705 Belmont Av as an evidence technician.

On scene I met Ofcs Zelasco and Schak who had closed the business and were holding the scene with employee. I photographed the scene as it was.

Ofc Zelasco was able to gain access to camera footage which showed one of the offenders placing his left ungloved hand on the counter to jump on it and removed a black drawer from the leftmost cash register. After the offender removed money from the register he put his left hand on the counter again to boost himself over the counter to exit the store. I put on a new pair of latex gloves and applied a black dusting powder to the counter on and around the areas shown on video to have been touched by the offender. I used hinge lifters to secure fingerprints on the counter in several places. I used a white dusting powder on the black register drawer and used a hinge lifter to secure a fingerprint I found on the outter side panel of it.

I took all collected evidence to our station where I placed them in inventory pending a laboratory submission.

No further action taken.

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature



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Case Status: PENDING / ACTIVE

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Occurred: 02/05/2017

Offense: ARMED ROBBERY

Investigator: RANSOM, D. (REDACTED)

Date / Time: 02/06/2017 12:16:25, Monday

Supervisor: KLISZ, R. (REDACTED)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 02/07/2017 12:28:23, Tuesday

Contact:

Reference: Investigative Action Supplement

I went to A&D Foods and retrieved video recordings from the surveillance system which captured the robbery as it took place.

I burned the surveillance to a DVD for this report.

I created a Trak Flyer with images of the offenders to be sent out of local agencies. [02/06/2017 15:00, EP4339, 111, EPPD]

I went to George's Bar 7637 W. Belmont Ave and viewed the video surveillance recordings on their camera system. The only exterior camera is in the rear, facing to the southwest. I was unable to locate any subject or vehicle possibly linked to the armed robbery at A&D Foods. [02/07/2017 16:44, EP4339, 111, EPPD]

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature