



January 30, 2017

Mr. Vinit Sureshkumar Patel
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Chicago, Illinois 60625
Vinit45@yahoo.com

EP-1

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Patel

On January 23, 2017, the Village of Elmwood Park received your Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*) ("FOIA") request for the following records:

"Copy of report #17-183[.]"

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 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 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, and other personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, including a victim's name and identifying information, and the names of third parties who incidentally appear in police reports, 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 filed complaints with or 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 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 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,

The Village of Elmwood Park



Gina Pesko
Freedom of Information Officer

Enclosures

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

INCIDENT DATA

Agency Name <i>Elmwood Park Police Department</i>		INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT		Case# <i>17-00183</i>	
ORI <i>IL0163100</i>				Date / Time Reported <i>01/18/2017 20:40 Wed</i>	
Location of Incident <i>7705 Belmont Av, Elmwood Park IL 60707-</i>		Premise Type <i>Convenience Store</i>	Zone/Tract <i>E1</i>	Last Known Secure <i>01/18/2017 20:30 Wed</i>	
#1 Crime Incident(s) <i>Robbery</i>		Weapon / Tools <i>PERSONAL (HANDS, FIST, FEET)</i>		Activity	
		Entry	Exit	Security	
#2 Crime Incident <i>Battery (misdemeanor)</i>		Weapon / Tools		Activity	
		Entry	Exit	Security	
#3 Crime Incident		Weapon / Tools		Activity	
		Entry	Exit	Security	

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VICTIM

# of Victims <i>1</i>	Type: <i>INDIVIDUAL</i>	Injury:						
VI	Victim/Business Name (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED]	Victim of Crime # <i>1,</i>	DOB [REDACTED] <i>Age 25</i>	Race	Sex <i>M</i>	Relationship To Offender <i>10K</i>	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
Home Address [REDACTED]							Home Phone	
Employer Name/Address					Business Phone	Mobile Phone		
VYR	Make	Model	Style	Color	Lic/Lis	VIN		

OTHERS INVOLVED

CODES: V- Victim (Denote V2, V3) O = Owner (if other than victim) R = Reporting Person (if other than victim)

Type: <i>INDIVIDUAL</i>	Injury:							
IO	Name (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED]	Victim of Crime #	DOB [REDACTED] <i>Age 45</i>	Race	Sex <i>F</i>	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
Home Address [REDACTED]							Home Phone	
Employer Name/Address					Business Phone	Mobile Phone		
Type:	Injury:							
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Employer Name/Address					Business Phone	Mobile Phone		

PROPERTY

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 Fin/To	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description	Make/Model	Serial Number

Officer/ID# <i>ZELASCO, M. (PATL, PAT) (EP8569)</i>	Invest ID# <i>ASTRELLA, M. (INV, INV) (EP9645)</i>	Supervisor <i>BUSCH, D. (PATL, SUPV) (EP5697)</i>
Status	Complainant Signature	Case Status <i>Pending / Active</i> <i>01/20/2017</i>
		Case Disposition: <i>2</i> <i>01/20/2017</i>

Incident Report Additional Name List

Elmwood Park Police Department

OCA: 17-00183

Additional Name List

Name Code/#	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Victim of Crime #	DOB	Age	Race	Sex
1) WI 1	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	23		M
Address	[REDACTED]		H: [REDACTED]			
Empl/Addr			B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			

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D R U G S	IBR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type		

Assisting Officers
BUSCH, D. (EP5697), LOGISZ, R. (EP6631), BRAND, T. (EP6017)

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

NARRATIVE

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

Elmwood Park Police Department

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Victim [REDACTED]	Offense ROBBERY	Date / Time Reported Wed 01/18/2017 20:40
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ON JANUARY 18, 2017, I RESPONDED TO A ROBBERY AT A&D FOODS LOCATED AT 7705 W BELMONT AVE. WHEN I ARRIVED, I SPOKE TO EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED HE WAS SITTING BEHIND THE COUNTER IN THE STORE, WHEN THREE UNKNOWN MALE SUBJECTS WEARING ALL BLACK, WITH BLACK MASKS CAME INTO THE BUSINESS. ONE OF THE THREE OFFENDERS LOCKED THE FRONT DOOR WITH THE SLIDING DEAD BOLT ON THE STORE DOOR. ONE OFFENDER CAME UP TO THE FRONT COUNTER AND THE OTHER TWO OFFENDERS RAN AROUND THE COUNTER TELLING HIM TO OPEN THE CASH REGISTER.

[REDACTED] WAS UNSURE OF WHICH OFFENDER DID WHAT AND STATED, " IT HAPPENED SO FAST." ONE OF THE TWO OFFENDERS TOLD [REDACTED] TO PUT HIS HANDS UP THEN PUSHED HIM TO THE FLOOR, TELLING HIM HE WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT LISTEN. THE OFFENDER UNLOCKED THE SECOND CASH DRAWER WITH THE KEY THAT WAS LEFT IN THE LOCK OF THE REGISTER. [REDACTED] TOLD ME THE SECOND CASH REGISTER WAS USED FOR LOTTERY MONEY.

[REDACTED] SAID HE DID NOT SEE ANY WEAPONS AND OFFENDER'S NEVER IMPLIED THEY HAD A WEAPON. [REDACTED] SAID HE COULD NOT SEE THE OFFENDERS FACES BECAUSE ALL THREE HAD MASKS AND THEIR JACKET HOODS WERE PULLED TIGHT OVER THEIR HEADS. [REDACTED] ALSO SAID ALL THREE MALES MAY HAVE BEEN WEARING GLOVES.

[REDACTED] SAID THE OFFENDERS ALSO TOOK AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF LIQUOR OFF THE SHELVES. THE OFFENDERS THEN RAN TO THE REAR OF THE STORE. ONE OF THE OFFENDERS PULLED [REDACTED] OFF THE FLOOR AND PULLED HIM TO THE BACK ROOM. THE OFFENDER ASKED FOR ANY MONEY THAT WAS IN THE BACK ROOM. [REDACTED] TOLD HIM HE DID NOT HAVE ANY MONEY. THE OFFENDER TOLD [REDACTED] TO EMPTY HIS POCKETS. [REDACTED] HAD HIS WALLET AND A CELL PHONE. THE OFFENDER TOOK AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF CASH FROM [REDACTED] WALLET AND [REDACTED] APPLE I PHONE (CARRIER : LYCA MOBILE) CELLULAR PHONE (PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]).

THE SUBJECT TOLD HIM TO UNLOCK THE BACK DOOR AND THEN HIT HIM TWICE IN THE CHEST KNOCKING [REDACTED] DOWN.

ALL THREE MALES EXITED THE BUSINESS AND FLED EAST IN THE ALLEY. CMDR BUSCH AND EVIDENCE TECH OFFICER BRAND ARRIVED ON SCENE.

[REDACTED] DOES NOT HAVE LIST OF ITEMS TAKEN OR THE AMOUNT OF CASH THAT WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME. VIDEO OF BUSINESS WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. BUSINESS OWNER [REDACTED] ARRIVED ON SCENE. [REDACTED] ADVISED ME SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO RETRIEVE VIDEO FROM SYSTEM BUT WOULD HAVE THE COMPANY WHO MAINTAINS VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEM CONTACTED AND HAVE VIDEO COPIED FOR POLICE.

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Victim
 [REDACTED]

Offense
 ROBBERY

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A RESIDENT [REDACTED] WHO LIVES AT [REDACTED] CAME UP TO ME OUTSIDE THE BUSINESS. [REDACTED] ADVISED ME HE HAD SEEN A SILVER CHRYSLER PACIFICA VAN PARKED IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN 76TH CT AND 77TH AVE ON THE 3100 BLOCK AT APPROXIMATELY 2030 HOURS.

[REDACTED] SAID HE NOTICED THREE MALES WEARING ALL BLACK WITH HOODIES EXIT THE VEHICLE CARRYING DUFFEL BAGS. [REDACTED] SAID A WHITE FEMALE WAS SITTING IN DRIVERS SEAT. [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS WALKING TO HIS HOUSE, HE FELT IT WAS STRANGE BECAUSE THE FEMALE DID NOT LOOK AT HIM AND LOOKED DOWN AS HE WALKED PAST THE VEHICLE. [REDACTED] SAID THE THREE MALES WALKED WEST IN THE BELMONT AVE ALLEY TOWARDS 77TH AVE. [REDACTED] SAID HE NOTICED NUMBERS ON DRIVER SIDE REAR WINDOW AS IF THE VEHICLE WAS POSSIBLY TOWED AND NUMBERED. [REDACTED] SAID THE THIRD REAR DRIVER SIDE WINDOW WAS BROKEN AND MISSING.

I CHECKED THE REAR ALLEY BETWEEN 76TH CT AND 77TH AVE BEHIND GEORGE'S BAR LOCATED AT 7637 BELMONT AVE. I NOTICED GEORGE'S BAR HAD A VIDEO CAMERA FACING INTO ALLEYWAY WHERE THE WITNESS STATED HE SEEN THE SUSPECTS VEHICLE PARKED.

I WENT INSIDE GEORGE'S BAR AND WAS ADVISED BY EMPLOYEE I WOULD NEED TO SPEAK TO OWNER [REDACTED] IN THE MORNING TO CHECK VIDEO OF ALLEY.

OFFICER BRAND PROCESSED THE CRIME SCENE. COMMANDER BUSCH PREFORMED A CANVASS OF THE IMMEDIATE AREA. SEE INVESTIGATIVE ACTION REPORTS.

[REDACTED] STOLEN CELLULAR NUMBER WAS GIVEN TO WSCDC POLICE DISPATCH FOR THE ATTEMPT TO FIND ITS LOCATION.

I WAS ADVISED THE PHONE COULD NOT BE PINGED FOR LOCATION BECAUSE THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO LIFE

NO OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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Offense: ROBBERY

Investigator: BRAND, T. (EP6017)

Date / Time: 01/19/2017 16:36:47, Thursday

Supervisor: BUSCH, D. (EP5697)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 01/19/2017 18:41:18, Thursday

Contact:

Reference: Evidence Report

After having the opportunity to view the surveillance video for this incident at our police station, I returned to 7705 Belmont to process a few items which were touched by the involved offenders.

On scene, I collected a black tray from a cash register (the westmost of the two registers) and brought it to the rear of the business to process it. I applied a new pair of latex gloves and dusted the tray with a white dusting powder. I saw several areas displaying finger prints on the tray. I collected these fingerprints with hinge lifters and secured them as evidence. I completed the same actions with a second register tray which was the eastmost of the two. I collected several hinge lifted finger prints as evidence.

Ofc Messina completed elimination finger prints for the store owner and the cashier on duty at the time of the robbery. I collected these elimination finger prints.

At our station I placed all collected items into our BEAST system with a pending laboratory submission. No further action taken.

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Supervisor: KLISZ, R. (EP7134)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 01/20/2017 09:15:52, Friday

Contact:

Reference: Investigative Action Supplement

I checked the area for surveillance cameras and located one on the rear of 7645 W. Belmont Ave, facing the alley.

I made contact with [REDACTED] who advised her husband could retrieve the video. [REDACTED] showed me the system and attempted to turn it on but was unsuccessful. I gave [REDACTED] the time frame we were looking for and she spoke to her husband on the phone who said he could save the video recordings for us.

I spoke to [REDACTED] who has a camera on the rear of his garage. [REDACTED] agreed to view his recording to see if he has any video of the vehicle or offenders captured.
[01/19/2017 17:35, EP4339, 111, EPPD]

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