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Tracy Siska
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Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST
FOIA FILE NO.: P590724

Dear Tracy Siska:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In it, you request:

In accordance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I request that your office provide the following public records:

1. A list of all types or categories of records currently under the Chicago Police Department's Control, as provided in 5 ILCS 140/5. 2. A description of the manner in which public records stored by means of electronic data processing may be obtained from the Chicago Police Department (in a form comprehensible to persons lacking knowledge of computer language or printout format), as provided in 5 ILCS 140/5.

Your request was viewed by the undersigned. Section 3(g) of FOIA provides that "requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information." 5 ILCS 140/3(g). Without direction from you as to which specific records you seek, such an endeavor would pose an undue burden on the operations of this department. As the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor has noted (see 2017 PAC 47756, issued June 20, 2017), Illinois courts have held, "[a] request to inspect or copy must reasonably identify a public record[.]" *Chicago Tribune Co. v. Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation*, 2014 IL App (4th) 130427, par. 33. A FOIA request "reasonably describes records if 'the agency is able to determine precisely what records are being requested.'" *Kowalczyk v. Dept. of Justice*, 73 F.3d 386, 388 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (quoting *Yeager v. Drug Enforcement Admin.*, 678 F.2d 315, 326 (D.C. Cir. 1982)).

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You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

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