April 17, 2014

Dr. Brian Dolinar

Re: FOIA 14-206

Dear Dr. Dolinar:

I am responding to your request dated April 2, 2014 and received in my office on April 3, 2014, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in which you request:

“…every incident in 2013 in which a Taser was used by police at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Could you please provide police reports for each incident.”

There was one police report in which a Taser was deployed in 2013, however this report is related to an arrest of a minor and therefore your request is being denied pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” In this case, the Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/1) protects the records maintained by law enforcement agencies that relate to a minor and mandates that reports in which a minor was arrested must be withheld in full.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer