July 11, 2014

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Re: FOIA #14-460

Dear Ms. Walsh:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on June 26, 2014, in which you requested:

“1) Any and all surveillance video taken on June 19, 2014 at the UIC campus building located at 901 W. Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, IL., from 5:00 p.m. forward, depicting a basketball tournament including the Chicago Stars and subsequent fight;
2) Any and all contracts and/or agreements, including indemnity agreements between the University of Illinois and the Foundation for Student Athletes, Forrest Harris or its agents or employees related to or allowing for the use of UIC space/facilities for the purpose of hosting a basketball tournament taking place June 2, 2014 through June 26, 2014;
3) Any rules, regulations, codes of conduct or requirements for security of the student athletes the University of Illinois promulgated to the Foundation for Student Athletes, Forrest Harris or its agents or employees, prior to the basketball tournament taking place June 2, 2014 through June 26, 2014.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 16 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes home address, home telephone number, and employee identification number.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

The video surveillance footage you requested has been withheld. According to the University of Illinois Police Department, this matter is still under investigation and releasing the requested information would interfere with the pending investigative proceedings. Therefore,
your request for video surveillance is being denied pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(d)(i) that exempts from disclosure information that would “interfere with pending or actually and reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings or correctional agency that is recipient of the request.”
- 140/7(1)(d)(vii) that exempts records that would “obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation by the agency that is the recipient of the request.”

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