September 18, 2015

Mr. Paul Wood  
The News-Gazette  
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Re: FOIA Request 15-741  

Dear Mr. Wood:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on September 1, 2015, in which you requested:

“…a breakdown of 1) money confiscated and 2) drugs confiscated (broken down by drug) in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.”

Information responsive to your request from the UIPD’s Narcotics Unit is available and attached. This is a public document numbering 1 page.

Please be advised, to the extent you are seeking information from the UIPD’s Patrol Division, your request is unduly burdensome. The information you are seeking is not maintained in a broken out format by the Patrol Division. Compliance with your request would require a search through every patrol report for the last four years to obtain the information you are seeking, as well as creating a new report, which is outside the University’s obligations under FOIA. The short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of identifying, collecting and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon the University. As a result, the University has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that the University’s burden to process these requests outweighs the public interest.

Pursuant to Section 3(g) of the Act, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it of more manageable proportions. I encourage you to call Kathy McCarthy from my office at the phone number below to discuss ways to narrow your request. If you do not reduce the request, it shall be treated as a denial.

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