

November 23, 2019

Peter Lynch  
[REDACTED]

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Lynch:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request dated November 18, 2019 received in my office at 12:35 p.m. via electronic mail from the Parkland College Police Department. As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for processing requests for public information for the College, pursuant to *the Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. In your original request, you requested that the College make available the following records:

Request:

“Please accept this correspondence as my formal request for any and all documents related to [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED], from January 1, 2019, to present date. If approved, please forward a electronic copy of the electronic documents to my assistance, [REDACTED], at [REDACTED]. This request is not for commercial purposes.”

Parkland College’s Response:

Freedom of Information Act exemption 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(i) allows a public body to withhold records that would interfere with pending or actually and reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings by the agencies in receipt of the request. At this time, records associated with [REDACTED] are considered pending investigations. The requested documents have been sent to the Champaign County State’s Attorney’s Office for criminal review. Since charges are pending and this is considered an ongoing criminal matter, this report is not eligible for release under FOIA.

As Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request, please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

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](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart  
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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