

February 28, 2022

Umeeta Sadarangani

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Umeeta Sadarangani:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request submitted to the Parkland College Police Department on February 21, 2022, for police records pertaining to an incident of flyers being “removed from [your] office door, ripped or defaced, and hate language written on the flyers.”

Parkland College’s Response:

The college is withholding these records because they contain arrest and investigation records of minors. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/2.15(d), the requirement to disclose criminal records under the Act “do[es] not supersede the confidentiality provisions for law enforcement or arrest records of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.” The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 states that such records can “never be disclosed to the general public or otherwise made widely available.” 705 ILCS 405/1-7(a)

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

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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