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To whom it may concern:

This is a request pursuant to the State of Illinois Freedom of Information Act. (5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1) which requests electronic copies of the following information:

Footage from the Pana School bus which caught fire on Friday. We request all available footage from the bus beginning at 10:30 p.m. Friday.

I request the aforementioned materials in digital, machine-readable copies. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let us know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address. The requested material is for newsgathering and will not be used for commercial use.

As provided by the open records law, I will expect your response within five (5) working days. See 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3(c). I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6. Please notify me of costs associated to produce these records if they may arise.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I would note that willful violation of the open records law can result in the award of reasonable litigation fees. See 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/11(i). Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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