



Office of the
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Alberta

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Region 3 Calgary and area Child and Family Services Authority properly withheld some records, but improperly withheld others

An inquiry by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has determined that Region 3 Calgary and area Child and Family Services Authority properly withheld some records from an Applicant, but has been ordered to release other records it had withheld.

The Applicant requested records held by the Public Body bearing his name and the names of his children. The Public Body, after confirming the Applicant was a guardian of the children, provided some responsive records, but severed third parties' personal information pursuant to Section 17 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP).

The Public Body noted that interviews between the children and caseworkers were severed because release of the information would be an unreasonable invasion of the children's privacy.

Following an Inquiry into the matter, Adjudicator Christina Gauk, ruled that the Public Body properly severed third parties' personal information, and that disclosing information found in interviews with the caseworkers could be an unreasonable invasion of the children's privacy.

But, Gauk also ruled that the Public Body improperly severed information that was not personal information and she ruled that information must be released to the Applicant. She also determined that the Public Body withheld some records that contained personal information, but disclosure of that information would not be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

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