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**SANGAMON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY STATEMENT ON PETITION FOR
LEAVE TO APPEAL FILED IN THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT IN PEOPLE V.
GRAYSON**

Springfield, Illinois – We have filed today in the Illinois Supreme Court a Petition for Leave to Appeal asking the Court to review the Illinois Appellate Court decision issued on November 27, 2024, ordering the release of Sean Grayson with conditions. We appreciate the willingness of the Appellate Court to stay its mandate to allow the Supreme Court the opportunity to determine whether it will review the case. The Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office remains committed to seeking the continued pretrial detention of Sean Grayson. Defendant Grayson has demonstrated that he cannot comply with conditions and is a danger to the community after his inexplicable actions on July 6, 2024 when he shot Sonya Massey.

We agree with the Circuit Court's determination that Grayson should be detained and its finding, as required by the SAFE – T Act when pretrial release is denied, that Defendant Grayson poses a threat to the community that cannot be mitigated with conditions. We are hopeful that the Illinois Supreme Court will agree to hear the case and affirm the detention order. However, if the courts determine that the evidence presented to the Circuit Court, including the videos, is not sufficient to detain Defendant Grayson under the law as it exists, then the law needs to be changed.

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