

Synopsis

Medical Release Request

Petitioner: Grayson, Sean (Y73475-TAY)

MR #: MR0510
Non-Public Hearing

Age at present: 32

Rec Date: 05/20/2026

Age at offense: 30

<u>Offense:</u>	<u>County:</u>	<u>Max Sentence:</u>
Second Degree Murder- 0744906343	Sangamon	20 Years

Previous MR Cases: N/A

Previous Clemency Cases:
N/A

Reason for request (check all that apply):

- ☐ A. Applicant is suffering from a terminal illness likely to cause death to the Applicant within 18 months.
- ☒ B. Applicant has been diagnosed with a condition that will result in medical incapacity with the next 6 months.
- ☒ C. Applicant has become medically incapacitated subsequent to sentencing due to illness or injury.

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AS OF DATE: 5/21/2026



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
OFFENDER TRACKING SYSTEM: PP

INMATE FACE SHEET



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RUN DATE: 5/21/2026

RUN TIME: 4:04:39 PM

IDOC #: Y73475 GRAYSON, SEAN P

PARENT INST: TAYLORVILLE

P A OTH:FST:00:00:00

MSR DATE:

7/17/2034

PROJECTED DISCHARGE DATE:

7/17/2036

No Residence Plan

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

SSN #:		MARITAL STATUS:	
HEIGHT:	6' 4''	# OF CHILDREN:	0
WEIGHT:	225	FBI #:	749334RE1
HAIR:	BROWN	BOI #:	29208861
EYES:	HAZEL	IR #:	
BIRTHDATE:	■■■■1994	INS #:	
RACE:	■■■■	NOTIFY VICTIM:	
HLTH PLAN:		LIVING WILL:	
SEX:	Male		
ISP REGISTRY REQD:	NO		

SUPV TYPE/LEVEL:

ADMISSION TYPE:

DIRECT FROM COURT

LAST AGENT:

NO LAST AGENT INFORMATION

NO OOP HISTORY

NO PAROLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

ALIASES:

GREYSON, SEAN
GRAYSON, SEAN
GRAYSON, SEAN

NO PRB SPECIAL ORDERS INFORMATION

MARKS, SCARS AND TATTOOS

TATTOO, ARM, LEFT
TATTOO, ARM, RIGHT

DETAIL DESCRIPTION

scroll, boat, rose , skull
skulls, gas mask, male female,
portrait

NO EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING INFORMATION

NO WARRANT INFORMATION

CURRENT SENTENCE INFORMATION:

MITTIMUS #:	24CF909	HOLDING	CMT COUNTY:	SANGAMON
MITT ADMIT DATE:	1/29/2026		CUSTODY DATE:	7/17/2024
MITT SENT DATE:	1/29/2026		CRIME-CLASS:	1
MAX SENTENCE:	0020 0000 0000		MIN SENTENCE:	0020 0000 0000
OFFENSE:	2ND DEGREE MURDER - 07449006343			
# OF COUNTS:	1			

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Compassionate Release Medical Evaluation

Facility: [REDACTED]	IDOC #: Y73475
Last Name: Grayson	First Name: Sean
Date of Last Exam: 5/21/26 in person, and discussed with [REDACTED] more recently.	

The information below must be completed by either Physicians (Facility Medical Director, Facility Staff Physician, Regional Medical Director) or by Mid-Level Providers (Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners, under Physician supervision).

1. Patient's Diagnosis (Medical Condition), including history and progression of diagnosis, current prognosis, likelihood of recovery, and primary symptoms: [REDACTED]	
2. Is the patient's medical condition irreversible and incurable?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Explain: [REDACTED]	
3. In accordance with medical standards and a reasonable degree of medical certainty, based on an individual assessment of the patient, the condition is likely to cause death to the patient within 18 months.	☒ Yes ☐ No
Explain: [REDACTED]	
4. Is this patient medically incapacitated, defined as having a diagnosable medical condition, including dementia and severe, permanent medical or cognitive disability, that prevents the patient from completing <u>more than one</u> activity of daily living without assistance or that incapacitates the individual in custody to the extent that institutional confinement does not offer additional restrictions. <i>If you check "yes" to <u>more than one</u> of subparts (a) through (g) or if you check "yes" to subpart (h), the evaluator shall check "yes" here.</i>	☐ Yes ☒ No
a. Ambulation: Is this patient unable to move from one position to another and walk independently?	☐ Yes ☒ No
b. Feeding: Is this patient unable to feed themselves without assistance?	☐ Yes ☒ No

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c. Dressing: Is this patient unable to select appropriate clothes and put the clothes on without assistance?	☐ Yes ☒ No
d. Personal hygiene: Is this patient unable to bathe and groom themselves, and maintain dental hygiene, nail, and hair care without assistance?	☐ Yes ☒ No
e. Continence: Is this patient unable to control bladder and bowel function?	☐ Yes ☒ No
f. Toileting: Is this patient unable to get to and from the toilet, use it appropriately, and clean themselves without assistance?	☐ Yes ☒ No
g. Other: (Please Identify): [REDACTED]	☐ Yes ☐ No
h. Does the patient's medical condition incapacitate them to the extent that institutional confinement does not offer additional restrictions?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Explain: [REDACTED]	
5. Is it unlikely that the patient's condition will improve noticeably in the future?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Explain: [REDACTED]	
6. Did the patient become medically incapacitated (as defined in #4 and #5 above) subsequent to sentencing (while serving their current sentence in IDOC)?	☐ Yes ☒ No
7. Will the patient's medical condition result in medical incapacity (as defined in #4 and #5 above) within the next 6 months? <i>If the patient is <u>presently</u> medically incapacitated as defined in #4 and #5 above, answer "no" here.</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No
Explain: [REDACTED]	
8. Is this patient a permanent infirmary resident? If so, how long has this patient resided in the infirmary? _____ years and _____ months	☐ Yes ☒ No

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9. Has this patient been hospitalized for 30 days or more during the previous year?	☒ Yes ☐ No
CONCLUSION	
The patient meets the criteria of terminal illness. <i>If you checked "yes" to question #2 AND #3, the patient meets the criteria for a terminal illness as defined by the Joe Coleman Act and the evaluator shall check "yes."</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No
The patient meets the criteria of medically incapacitated as defined by the Joe Coleman Act. <i>If you checked "yes" to questions 4, 5, AND 6, OR if you checked "yes" to question 7, the patient meets the criteria for a medically incapacitated as defined by the Joe Coleman Act and the evaluator shall check yes.</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No

Provider Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 6/9/2026
Provider Name (printed): [REDACTED]	Facility Telephone: [REDACTED]
PRB Submission Date: 6/11/2026	



STATE OF ILLINOIS
JB PRITZKER, GOVERNOR
PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

Medical Release Request:

TO: IDOC – Taylorville (Parent Institution)
Healthcare Unit

FROM: Bryan Zalewski
(Bryan.Zalewski@Illinois.gov / 217-524-0545)

DATE: June 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Grayson, Sean IDOC #: Y73475

Date of last exam (physically present): _____

The following individual has filed a Medical Release application for consideration by the Prisoner Review Board. Please provide the following information to the Board within **10 days** of receipt of this request to be considered. Please email the information back to PRB.MedicalRelease@Illinois.gov, with the individual's name, IDOC number and M.R. number, listed above in the subject line. Please also provide the name and title of the medical personnel that is providing the following information, if it is not already included in the return email.

1. Please email a written evaluation that includes all of the following information:
 - a. Diagnosis
 - b. Prognosis
 - c. Likelihood of recovery
 - d. Primary symptoms, to include incapacitation
 - e. Any additional medical information deemed important for the Board to take into consideration.
2. Please provide within the written evaluation a statement **confirming (Yes)** or **denying (No)** that the individual meets one of the following criteria (see definitions on page 2) based on your medical and professional opinion and/or documentation of such:
 - a. Is suffering from a terminal illness, which the condition is **likely** to cause death to the individual within 18 months.
 - b. Has been diagnosed with a condition that will result in medical incapacity within the next 6 months
 - c. Has become medically incapacitated subsequent to sentencing due to illness or injury.



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Definitions:

Per the statute of 730 ILCS 5/3-3-14, the following definitions are written as:

Terminal Illness: A condition that satisfies all of the following criteria:

- (i) The condition is irreversible and incurable; and
- (ii) In accordance with medical standards and a reasonable degree of medical certainty, based on an individual assessment of the inmate, the condition is likely to cause death to the inmate within 18 months.

Medically Incapacitated: That an individual has any diagnosable medical condition, including dementia and severe, permanent medical or cognitive disability, that prevents the individual from completing more than one activity of daily living without assistance or that incapacitates the individual to the extent that institutional confinement does not offer additional restrictions, and that the condition is unlikely to improve noticeably in the future.

Examples of Activities of Daily Living:

Personal Care Assistance or Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

- Get into/out of bed or chair
- Toilet hygiene
- Bathing or Showering
- Getting Dressed
- Personal hygiene
- Eating
- Walking / Climbing Stairs
- Safety / Emergency responses

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Authorization for Release of Individual in Custody Medical Health Information

This Authorization may not be used for mental health or substance abuse treatment information (use form DOC 0240)

The Department of Corrections will not condition treatment on this authorization. If authorizing disclosure to persons or organizations that are not health plans, covered health care providers or health care clearinghouses subject to federal health information privacy laws, they may further disclose the protected health information. However, genetic testing or HIV/AIDS information disclosed pursuant to this authorization may not be further disclosed except pursuant to authorization.

I hereby authorize [REDACTED] - Confidential [REDACTED] to release the following information: (State specific medical health information to be disclosed including date(s) or date range)

All records to the Illinois Prisoner Review board that are to be contemplated when making the decision to release via the Joe Coleman Compassionate Release Act.

☒ At Request of Individual in Custody and/or: Joe Coleman Compassionate Release Act.

Purpose of disclosure

from the records of Y73475
ID#

Sean Grayson
Print Individual in Custody's Name

to: ☐ Self ☐ Authorized Attorney ☐ Health Care Facility ☒ Other: IL Prisoner Review Board

Name: Illinois Prisoner Review Board

Print Name

Address: 1001 North Walnut Street

Street Address

Springfield

City

IL

State

62702

Zip Code

I hereby release and hold harmless, the State of Illinois, the Department of Corrections, and its employees from any liability which may occur as a result of the disclosure or dissemination of the records or information contained therein resulting from the access permitted to the authorized attorney, health care facility, other as specified, or self. Records disclosed may contain confidential medical information including HIV disease information. I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time prior to disclosure by giving written notice (witnessed by someone who knows my identity) to the prison Facility Privacy Officer.

Expiration: This authorization will expire (complete one):

☐ 45 days from date of signature ()

☒ Upon the occurrence of the following event (must relate to the individual or purpose of the authorization):

Release from custody

Signature:

[REDACTED]
Signature of Individual in Custody or Person Authorized to Consent

Relationship

6-10-26
Date

Give Individual in Custody a copy if DOC made the request for release.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON, ILLINOIS
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
vs

Case No.: 24-CF-909

Date of Sentence: 01/29/2026
Defendant's Date of Birth: 1994
Victim's Date of Birth: 1988

Sean P. Grayson
Defendant

FILED
JAN 29 2026
Joseph B. Parnell, Clerk of the Circuit Court

JUDGMENT - SENTENCE TO ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

WHEREAS the above-named defendant has been adjudged guilty of the offenses enumerated below; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant be and hereby is sentenced to confinement in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the term of years and months specified for each offense.

COUNT	OFFENSE	DATE OF OFFENSE	STATUTORY CITATION	CLASS	SENTENCE	MSR
I	Second Degree Murder	07/06/2024	720 5/9-2	F/1	20 Years	2 Years

To Run ☐ Concurrent with ☐ Consecutively to Count(s) and served at ☒ 50% ☐ 75% ☐ 85% ☐ 100% pursuant to 730 ILCS 5/3-6-3 ____ Per PRB, MSR up to 12 Mos.

This Court finds that the defendant is:

☐ Convicted of a class ____ offense but sentenced as a class X offender pursuant to 730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-95.
☐ Convicted of a Class 3 or 4 offense (other than a violent crime as defined in Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims & Witnesses Act) ☐ 4 or more months remaining ☐ fewer than 4 months remaining 730 ILCS 5/5-4-1(c-7) (effective 7/1/21 P.A. 101-652)

The Court further finds that the defendant is entitled to receive credit for time actually served in custody (of 561 days as of the date of this order) from 07/17/2024 to 01/29/2026 and/or credit for time served on electronic monitoring, GPS monitoring, or home confinement (of ____ days as of the date of this order) from ____ to ____ . The defendant is also entitled to receive credit for the additional time served in custody from the date of this order until the defendant is received at the Illinois Department of Corrections.

☐ The Court further finds that the conduct leading to conviction for the offenses enumerated in counts ____ resulted in great bodily harm to the victim. (730 ILCS 5/3-6-3(a)(2)(iii))

☐ The Court further finds that the defendant meets the eligibility requirements for possible placement in the Impact Incarceration Program. (730 ILCS 5/5-4-1(a))

☐ The Court further finds that offense was committed as a result of the use of, abuse of, or addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance and recommends the defendant for placement in a substance abuse program. (730 ILCS 5/5-4-1(a))

☐ The defendant successfully completed a full-time (60-day or longer) Pre-Trial Program ☐ Educational/Vocational ☐ Substance Abuse ☐ Behavior Modification ☐ Life Skills ☐ Re-Entry Planning - provided by the county jail while held in pre-trial detention prior to this commitment and is eligible for sentence credit in accordance with 730 ILCS 5/3-6-3(a)(4). THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the defendant shall be awarded one day of sentence credit for each day in which the Defendant is engaged in the activities, ____ days, if not previously awarded. (effective 7/1/21 P.A. 101-652)

☐ The defendant passed the high school level test for General Education and Development (GED) on ____ while held in pre-trial detention prior to this commitment and is eligible to receive Pre-Trial GED Program Credit in accordance with 730 ILCS 5/3-6-3(a)(4.1). THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the defendant shall be awarded 90 days of additional sentence credit, if not previously awarded.

☐ The Court further finds that the Defendant served ____ days engaged in a self-improvement program, volunteer work, or work assignments, and shall receive 0.5 days of sentence credit for each day the Defendant was engaged in activities for a total of (730 ILCS 5/3-6-3(a)(4.2))

☒ The Court further finds that the Defendant has been advised of and given a copy of the financial obligations and statutory fines, fees and assessments pursuant to SCR 452.

☐ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the sentence(s) imposed on count(s) _____ be (concurrent with) (consecutive to) the sentence imposed in case number _____ in the Circuit Court of _____ County.

☐ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that _____.

The Clerk of the Court shall deliver a certified copy of this order to the sheriff. The Sheriff shall take the defendant into custody and deliver the defendant to the Department of Corrections which shall confine said defendant until expiration of this sentence or until otherwise released by operation of law.

This order is ☒ effective immediately) ☐ stayed until _____

DATE: 1/29/2026

ENTER: _____

Circuit Judge Ryan Cadagin

Received

JAN 29 2026

Graham Correctional Center
Records Office

Illinois Department of Corrections
Single or Concurrent Determinate Sentences Under 1978 Law and Jail Credit

GCU
 Facility

Name: SEAN P. GRAYSON

ID: V73475

Date: 1-29-20

(Step 1) (A)

Yr. Mo. Day

-		(Rel. on Bond, Etc.)
		(Arrest Date)
		(Jail Credits)
+	1	(Add 1 Day)
		(Jail Credits)

(Step 2)

Yr. Mo. Day

+		(Jail Credits - A)
		(Jail Credits - B)
+		(Jail Credits - C)
+		(Jail Credits - D)
		(Total Jail Credits)

(Step 1) (B)

Yr. Mo. Day

-		(Rel. on Bond, Etc.)
		(Arrest Date)
		(Jail Credits)
+	1	(Add 1 Day)
		(Jail Credits)

(Step 3)

Yr. Mo. Day

-		(Old Custody/
		Sentence Date)
		(Total Jail Credits)
		(New Custody Date)

(Step 1) (C)

Yr. Mo. Day

-		(Rel. on Bond, Etc.)
		(Arrest Date)
		(Jail Credits)
+	1	(Add 1 Day)
		(Jail Credits)

(Step 4) (MITTIMUS NO. 24CF909)

PROJECTED OUT DATE

Yr. Mo. Day

	24	7	17	(New Custody Date)
				(Sentence Less
+	10			GCC)
	34	7	17	(Projected Out Date)
				(Previous Time
				Lost/Awarded)
+ or -				(Adj. Proj. Out Date)

(Step 1) (D)

Yr. Mo. Day

-		(Rel. on Bond, Etc.)
		(Arrest Date)
		(Jail Credits)
+	1	(Add 1 Day)
		(Jail Credits)

(Step 5)

MANDATORY OUT DATE

Yr. Mo. Day

	24	7	17	(New Custody Date)
+	20			(Sentence)
	44	7	17	(Mandatory Out Date)

Adj. Proj. Out Date 7-17-34

Verified By _____

Mandatory Out Date 7-17-44

Date Entered 1-29-20

Calculated By JTB

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

vs.

SEAN P. GRAYSON
DEFENDANT.

CASE NO. 24-CF-909

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF STATE'S ATTORNEY
PURSUANT TO 730 ILCS 5/5-4-1(d)

NAME: SEAN P. GRAYSON DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] 1994
ALIASES: DATE OF OFFENSE(S): 07/06/2024
CRIME(S): Second Degree Murder (F/1) DATE OF SENTENCE 01/29/2026
PLEA: JAIL CREDIT DUE: 561 days
TYPE OF TRIAL: Jury
SENTENCE(S): Second Degree Murder (F/1); 20 years DOC
(50%), 2 years MSR
CODEFENDANTS:
DISPOSITION OF
CODEFENDANT(S):
STATE'S ATTORNEY John C. Milhiser and First Assistant Mary Beth
Rodgers
DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Daniel Fultz and Mark Wykoff
PRESIDING JUDGE: Judge Ryan Cadagin
COMPLAINING
WITNESS: Illinois State Police

HISTORY OF PROBATION IN SANGAMON COUNTY:

AGENCY CONDUCTING PRE-TRIAL OR PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION: Sangamon County Probation

DESCRIPTION OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF OFFENSE:

Defendant, without lawful justification, and with the intent to kill or do great bodily harm to Sonya Massey, personally discharged a firearm, striking Sonya Massey, thereby causing the death of Sonya Massey, and at the time the defendant shot Sonya Massey he believed the circumstances existed that would justify the shooting, but this belief was unreasonable.

This official statement is hereby submitted in accordance with the provisions of 730 ILCS 5/5-4-1(d) of the Unified Code of Corrections.

[REDACTED]
John C. Milhiser
State's Attorney

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
GENERAL DIVISION**

THE GRAND JURORS chosen, selected and sworn, in and for the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, upon their oaths, present that on or about the 6th day of July in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four, in the County of Sangamon, in the aforesaid State of Illinois, **SEAN GRAYSON** committed the offense of **FIRST DEGREE MURDER**, in that said defendant, without lawful justification, and with the intent to kill or do great bodily harm to Sonya Massey, personally discharged a firearm, striking Sonya Massey, thereby causing the death of Sonya Massey in violation of the Criminal Code of 2012, as amended, Chapter 720 ILCS 5/9-1(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the same People of the State of Illinois.


State's Attorney in and for said Sangamon County

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Joseph B. P. [Signature]
Clerk of the
Circuit Court

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Count II

THE GRAND JURORS chosen, selected and sworn, as aforesaid, in and for the County of Sangamon aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that in the County of Sangamon, in the aforesaid State of Illinois, that on or about the 6th day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four, **SEAN GRAYSON**, committed the offense of **FIRST DEGREE MURDER**, in that said defendant, without lawful justification, personally discharged a firearm striking Sonya Massey, knowing said act would cause the death of Sonya Massey, thereby causing the death of Sonya Massey in violation of the Criminal Code of 2012, as amended, 720 ILCS 5/9-1(a)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the same people of Illinois.


State's Attorney in and for said Sangamon County

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Joseph B. Polach

Clerk of the
Circuit Court

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Count III

THE GRAND JURORS chosen, selected and sworn, as aforesaid, in and for the County of Sangamon aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that in the County of Sangamon, in the aforesaid State of Illinois, that on or about the 6th day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four, **SEAN GRAYSON**, committed the offense of **FIRST DEGREE MURDER**, in that said defendant, without lawful justification, personally discharged a firearm striking Sonya Massey, knowing said act created a strong probability of death or great bodily harm to Sonya Massey, thereby causing the death of Sonya Massey in violation of the Criminal Code of 2012, as amended, 720 ILCS 5/9-1(a)(2), and against the peace and dignity of the same people of Illinois.


State's Attorney in and for said Sangamon County

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Joseph B. Polaski
Clerk of the
Circuit Court

Count IV

THE GRAND JURORS chosen, selected and sworn, as aforesaid, in and for the County of Sangamon aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that in the County of Sangamon, in the aforesaid State of Illinois, that on or about the 6th day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four, **SEAN GRAYSON**, committed the offense of **AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM**, in that said defendant, in committing a battery in violation of Section 12-3 of Act 5 of Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, knowingly discharged a firearm, a 9mm handgun, causing an injury to Sonya Massey in violation of the Criminal Code of 2012, as amended, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.05(e)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the same people of Illinois.


State's Attorney in and for said Sangamon County

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Joseph B. Polach
Clerk of the
Circuit Court

Count V

THE GRAND JURORS chosen, selected and sworn, as aforesaid, in and for the County of Sangamon aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that in the County of Sangamon, in the aforesaid State of Illinois, that on or about the 6th day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four, **SEAN GRAYSON**, committed the offense of **OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT**, in that said defendant, a public officer, or employee, in his official capacity, knowingly performed an act which he knows he is forbidden by law to perform, in that said defendant, without lawful justification, discharged his firearm, striking Sonya Massey in violation of the Criminal Code of 2012, as amended, 720 ILCS 5/33-3(a)(2), and against the peace and dignity of the same people of Illinois.


State's Attorney in and for said Sangamon County

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Joseph B. Walsh

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Clerk of the
Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ILLINOIS

Sangamon County
Springfield, Illinois

Case No. 24-CF-909

The People -VS-

SEAN GRAYSON

INDICTMENT FOR

COUNT I -- FIRST DEGREE MURDER (F/M)
COUNT II - FIRST DEGREE MURDER (F/M)
COUNT III - FIRST DEGREE MURDER (F/M)
COUNT IV - AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM (F/X)
COUNT V - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT (F/3)

A TRUE BILL

Foreperson of the Grand Jury

THE WITHIN Indictment filed in open court this 17 day of

July, 2024

Bail set at \$

Capias or Warrant of Arrest ordered

NOT TO/TO (strike one) issue.

Judge of the Circuit Court

LIST OF WITNESSES

Sgt. W. Keith Dorwart
Illinois State Police

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Deborah B. Decker
Clerk of the
Circuit Court
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JOHN C. MILHISER

SANGAMON COUNTY
STATE'S ATTORNEY

Room 402, County Complex
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701

Telephone: 217/753-6690
Facsimile: 217/535-3179

July 15, 2026

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Illinois Prisoner Review Board
1001 N. Walnut Street
Springfield, IL 62702

RE: Opposition to Sean Grayson's Medical Release Request
Request No. MR0510
Inmate No. Y73475

Dear Board Members,

The Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office OPPOSES Sean Grayson's request for compassionate release. For the reasons stated herein, the Board should DENY his request for compassionate release.

On July 6, 2024, Grayson, then employed as a Sangamon County Sheriff's Deputy, was dispatched to [REDACTED] in Springfield for the report of a prowler. Sonya Massey opens the door to her residence and tells Grayson that she believes someone is outside her house. Grayson ultimately enters Ms. Massey's home. While inside the home, Ms. Massey removes a pot of water from her stove in her kitchen. Grayson laughs. Ms. Massey asks: "where are you going?" The Defendant laughs and says he is "getting away from your hot steaming water." Ms. Massey responds: "Away from my hot steaming water? I rebuke you in the name of Jesus." The Defendant responds: "Huh?" Sonya Massey repeats: "I rebuke you in the name of Jesus." The Defendant escalates this encounter by yelling: "you better fucking not or I swear to God I will shoot you right in the fucking face." He then draws his service weapon and points it at Ms. Massey. At this time, Grayson is in the living room of the home while Ms. Massey is standing in the kitchen. Ms. Massey is several feet away and is separated from Grayson by a kitchen island. Ms. Massey proclaims that she is "sorry" and drops to the floor. Grayson approaches Ms. Massey and ultimately discharges his weapon three times. Ms. Massey is struck by one of the bullets and collapses to her kitchen floor. She is audibly gasping for air and bleeding. Grayson discourages the other deputy on the scene, Deputy Farley, from getting a medical kit or rendering aid. He tells Deputy Farley: "it's a head shot dude. She's done. You can go get it. But that's a headshot. ... [L]et her fucking... just. There is nothing we can do, man." Eventually, Grayson leaves to retrieve a medical kit from his squad car. When he finally returns

with his medical kit, he asks a supervisor whether there is “anything you think we could do for her?” When the supervisor responds in the negative, Grayson throws his medical kit on the ground and says: “I’m not going to even waste my med stuff then.” At this time, Deputy Farley is applying pressure to Ms. Massey’s wounds with dish towels. Deputy Farley could have used the medical kit to possibly stop the bleeding. Indeed, at trial, Dr. Nathaniel Patterson testified that Sonya Massey’s wound was not necessarily fatal and that she could have lived if the bleeding was controlled. Grayson then exits the residence and tells another officer that “this fucking bitch is crazy.”¹ At the time of the shooting, Grayson had previously been diagnosed with colon cancer. Ms. Massey is later pronounced dead at the hospital.

On October 29, 2025, Grayson was found guilty of second-degree murder in Sangamon County Case No. 24-CF-909. On January 29, 2026, the Honorable Ryan M. Cadagin sentenced Grayson to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. At sentencing, Grayson’s attorney explicitly referenced the cost of incarceration and his medical condition. Indeed, Grayson’s attorney argued for a lesser sentence because his colon cancer had spread to his liver, resulting in Stage IV liver cancer, as well as to his lungs. The Court ultimately determined that a sentence of 20 years in prison was appropriate.

Following his sentencing hearing, Grayson filed a *pro se* application for compassionate release under the Joe Coleman Act. *See* 730 ILCS 5/3-3-14(c). Under the Act, an inmate suffering from a terminal illness or medical incapacity may be released early from prison and released on parole. *Id.* § 5/3-3-14(g).

When considering an application for compassionate release, the Board may consider:

- (i) the petitioner’s diagnosis and likelihood of recovery;
- (ii) the approximate cost of health care to the State should the petitioner remain in custody;
- (iii) the impact that the petitioner’s continued incarceration may have on the provision of medical care within the Department;
- (iv) the present likelihood of and ability to pose a substantial danger to the physical safety of a specifically identifiable person or persons;
- (v) any statements by the victim regarding release; and
- (vi) whether the petitioner’s condition was explicitly disclosed to the original sentencing judge and taken into account at the time of sentencing.

Id. § 5/3-3-14(f).

Turning to these factors, Grayson remains a substantial danger to the physical safety of the community and any person he may contact. *Id.* § 5/3-3-14(f)(iv). He was already diagnosed with cancer when he shot and killed Sonya Massey in her kitchen. His temper and willingness to escalate minor misunderstandings into fatal encounters shows that he poses a danger to any person he comes into contact with. Cancer does not make him less dangerous.

¹ The murder of Sonya Massey is captured on Deputy Farley’s body-worn camera. Grayson did not turn on his body-worn camera until after the shooting, but his camera still captured the fatal moment due to an automatic recording feature. These videos provide a unique opportunity for the Board to review the commission of this offense. This Office can provide a copy of these videos to the Board, upon request, but they have also been widely disseminated in the media.

The Board should also consider the statements made by the victims. *Id.* § 5/3-3-14(f)(v). The family of Sonya Massey strongly opposes release.

Critically, Grayson's medical condition was explicitly disclosed to the Court at sentencing. *Id.* § 5/3-3-14(f)(vi). Grayson's medical condition and the cost of incarceration were considered—and rejected—by the sentencing judge.

Ultimately, the Board should DENY Grayson's request for compassionate release. He shot and killed an unarmed woman in her home. He refused to provide medical care and discouraged another deputy from providing medical care. He has literally *just* begun his 20-year sentence for second-degree murder. Critically, Grayson had cancer when he committed this murder and his medical condition was explicitly considered at sentencing. To release Grayson under these circumstances would be a miscarriage of justice and an insult to Sonya Massey's memory and family.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of John C. Milhiser.

John C. Milhiser



ILLINOIS PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

MEDICAL RELEASE REQUEST

The undersigned Applicant prays for a grant of Medical Release and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Required Applicant Information:

Applicants Full Name: Sean Patrick Grayson
First Middle Last

Current Holding Facility

Date of Birth 1994 Place of Birth:

Social Security Number:

State Prisoner Number: Y 7 3475

Race/Ethnicity: Gender: male

Have you applied for Medical Release before? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, please provide the Application number(s) and date(s) of denial.

Have you ever petitioned for clemency before? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please state the month and year your petition was considered.

Would you, the Applicant/Attorney/representative, like to request a public hearing?

☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Conviction(s) for Which Medical Release is Sought:

For each conviction please provide the following information:

Offense: Second Degree murder

Case Number: 24-CF-909

County of Conviction: Sangamon County

To the best of your ability, provide a complete detailed account of the offense(s) for which you seek Medical Release. Provide your own version of the factual circumstances of the offense(s), including the date and location, if possible. Add additional pages if necessary.

ON 7-6-28 at approx 12:50 AM in the morning I responded to Hoover Street for a woman complaining someone was banging and trying to get in. The female Sony Massey invited me inside while in side she attacked me with a pot of boiling water and I fatally shot Mrs. Massey. I would tried for first degree the Jury found me guilty of second degree.

3. Diagnostic Medical Criteria:

The Applicant must meet one, or more, of the following diagnostic medical criteria to be eligible for review for Medical Release, please check the appropriate option(s), see definitions:

- ☐ Applicant is suffering from a terminal illness likely to cause death to the Applicant within 18 months.
- ☒ Applicant has been diagnosed with a condition that will result in medical incapacity within the next 6 months.
- ☒ Applicant has become medically incapacitated subsequent to sentencing due to illness or injury.

Please state, briefly, what the qualifying medical condition is that the applicant is requesting relief for.

Terminal Illness: A condition that satisfies all of the following criteria:

- i. The condition is irreversible and incurable
- ii. In accordance with medical standards and a reasonable degree of medical certainty, based on an individual assessment of the Applicant, the condition is likely to cause death to the Applicant within 18 months.

Medically Incapacitated: An Applicant has any diagnosable medical condition, including dementia and severe, permanent medical or cognitive disability, that prevents the Applicant from completing more than one activity of daily living without assistance or that incapacitates the Applicant to the extent that institutional confinement does not offer additional restrictions, and that the condition is unlikely to improve noticeably in the future.

4. **Parole Plan (Host site information).** Please provide a parole plan stating a potential, or already approved, location that the Applicant would be able to reside at.

If this is a place of business, please provide the following information:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

If this is a residence, please provide the following information:

Name of homeowner or leaseholder

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number

Relationship to Applicant

Will there be someone available at the residence to care for and ensure Applicant is transported to medical appointments?

X Yes _____ No

If no host site is provided, are you willing to accept placement approved by the Illinois Department of Corrections based on your level of care?

X Yes _____ No

5. **Certification and Personal Oath.** The following certification and personal oath must be signed by the Applicant, Attorney for the Applicant or a representative of the Applicant.

I declare under perjury that all of the assertions made in this petition are complete, truthful and accurate.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of May, 2026.
(Month) (Year)


(Signature)

If the Applicant is not the one filing on their own behalf, please provide the following information:

Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Valid Email Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Do you have a General or Medical Power of Attorney (POA) for the Applicant?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please include a copy of the POA documents/order naming such person, if possible.



STATE OF ILLINOIS
JB PRITZKER, GOVERNOR
PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

June 29, 2026

Sean Grayson
Taylorville Correctional Center
1144 Illinois Route 29
Taylorville, IL 62568

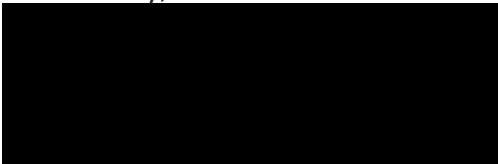
Dear Mr. Grayson:

The above-named application for medical release has been filed in this office and will be placed on the Board's **July 2026** docket. Every complete medical release application which complies with statutory and regulatory procedures will be considered by the Board for their decision.

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS NOT REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION. ADDENDUMS OR SUPPORTING LETTERS MUST BE SENT TO OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN **July 17, 2026**, TO BE FULLY CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.

After the hearing has been conducted regarding this application, the Board will provide a decision via mail or email.

Sincerely,



Jim Montgomery
Executive Director

JM:AP

From: [PRB.MedicalRelease](#)
To: [Parker, Autumn](#); [Williams, Alyssa](#)
Subject: Joe Coleman Medical Release Notification Letter/ Grayson, Sean MR0510
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 5:00:00 PM
Attachments: [S.Grayson MR0510 Notification Letter .pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached notification letter attached above.

Medical Release Unit
Prisoner Review Board
217-782-7273



STATE OF ILLINOIS
JB PRITZKER, GOVERNOR
PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

July 15, 2026

Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office
200 S 9th Street
Room 402
Springfield, IL 62701

Delivered via email: JW.Pierceall@sangamonil.gov Dan.Mosher@sangamonil.gov

RE: Applicant: Grayson, Sean (Y73475)

Case: 24CF909

2nd Degree Murder

The above-named request for Medical Release was received by this office and will be placed on the **July 2026** docket to be reviewed. The medical release request # is MR0510.

A non-public hearing has been requested for this application.

Written responses can be submitted via mail to the attention of Medical Release Unit at the mailing address listed below or email at PRB.MedicalRelease@illinois.gov.

ANY ADDENDUMS OR DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SENT TO OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN **July 24, 2026, TO BE FULLY CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.**

After the hearing has been conducted regarding this application, the Board will provide a decision via mail or email.

Sincerely,



Jim Montgomery
Executive Director

JM:AP

From: [PRB.MedicalRelease](#)
To: ["Dan.Mosher@sangamonil.gov"; "-"](#)
Subject: Joe Coleman Medical Release Notification/ Grayson, Sean Y73475
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 10:41:00 AM
Attachments: [SA NP Notification Letter S. Grayson MR0510.pdf](#)
[Sean Grayson Y73475 Medical Release Request Redacted.pdf](#)

Good morning,

The attached medical release request has been received by the Board for review. Per HB3665, individuals in custody may petition the Board to consider release based on a terminal or incapacitated condition (you may visit our website at www.Illinois.gov/prb under Medical Release Act for more information). We are attaching a copy of the petition that was received for your review.

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