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**STATEMENT FROM PROSECUTION ON SHELEY CONVICTION**

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan and State's Attorney John T. Pepmeyer today praised a Knox County jury for finding Nicholas T. Sheley guilty of the murder of Ronald Randall, 65, in Galesburg, Ill., on June 28, 2008. Sheley was convicted of one count each of first-degree murder, aggravated vehicular hijacking and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. His sentencing is set for Nov. 18.

In response to today's conviction, Attorney General Madigan made the following statement:

"Today justice has been served in the brutal murder of Ronald Randall. My thoughts are with his family. It is my hope that today's decision will provide them some closure as they continue to cope with this senseless murder. My thanks go out to the jury for their service and to the prosecution team for their hard work and dedication."

Knox County State's Attorney Pepmeyer added:

"In convicting Nicholas Sheley, the jury has spoken loudly and their decision now allows the family of Ronald Randall and the people of Knox County to heal. Our hearts go out today, as they have every day since June 28, 2008, for the family of Ronald Randall. Words cannot express my gratitude to Attorney General Madigan and her team of prosecutors who worked tirelessly for over 3 years to bring justice to Knox County."

State's Attorney Pepmeyer requested the assistance of Attorney General Madigan's office in prosecuting Sheley. Working with State's Attorney Pepmeyer, Assistant Attorneys General Michael Atterberry, Bill Elward, Steven Nate and Stephen Plazibat handled the case for Madigan's Criminal Enforcement Division.

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