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STATEMENT FROM PROSECUTION ON SENTENCING OF SHELEY

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Knox County State’s Attorney John Pepmeyer issued statements today following Judge James Stewart’s sentencing of Nicholas Sheley to natural life in prison for the June 28, 2008 murder of Ronald Randall, 65, of Galesburg. Judge Stewart also imposed a 30-year sentence for Sheley’s conviction for aggravated vehicular hijacking and a sentence of seven years for possession of a stolen motor vehicle. In September, a Knox County jury found Sheley guilty of the three charges.

In response to today’s sentence, Attorney General Madigan made the following statement:

“Life in prison is the only appropriate sentence under Illinois law for this heinous crime committed by Nicholas Sheley. The terror and grief he caused for Mr. Randall’s family and the entire Galesburg community will take a lifetime to heal. Today’s sentencing ensures that Nicholas Sheley will pay for what he did for the remainder of his life.”

Knox County State’s Attorney Pepmeyer added:

“This prosecution was an outstanding example of total team effort. All police agencies and lab personnel in all jurisdictions contributed to the successful outcome obtained today. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Attorney General Madigan and her outstanding assistants who were invaluable in this prosecution. Finally, today was the Randall family’s day. They expressed heartfelt sentiments, suffering and emotion relative to the senseless loss of their loved one.”

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.

Sheley remains incarcerated by the Illinois Department of Corrections awaiting the start of his trial in Whiteside County next year for the murders of five people in June 2008 in the spree that preceded his killing of Randall.

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