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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ANNOUNCED AN ILLINOIS MAN IS SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MURDER

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced an Illinois man was sentenced to 40 years in prison for first-degree murder and aggravated battery in the shooting death of a Vermilion County man.

Percy Freeman, 29, formerly of Phoenix, Illinois, was sentenced by Vermilion County Circuit Court Judge Nancy Fahey after being convicted in 2021 of first-degree murder and aggravated battery in a public way in the shooting death of Roosevelt Anderson. Freeman is required by law to serve 100% of his 40-year sentence.

“The partnership with the Vermilion County State’s Attorney’s office was vital in holding this individual accountable for his actions,” Raoul said. “I am committed to continuing to work with state’s attorney’s offices and law enforcement agencies across the state to stem the tide of gun violence in Illinois.”

Raoul’s office teamed with the Vermilion County State’s Attorney’s office to charge Freeman, alleging that on April 24, 2019, he and other individuals tracked Anderson through a Danville housing complex while at least one member of the group was armed with a firearm. According to prosecutors, Freeman and the group beat Anderson and shot him in the head. Surveillance video from the Vermilion County Housing Authority captured the attack and was included as evidence in the trial.

The Attorney General’s office prosecuted the case with Vermilion County State’s Attorney Jacqueline M. Lacy’s office, who thanked the Attorney General’s prosecution team and the Danville Police Department for their dedication to this investigation and ensuring the just resolution.

“Criminals who insist on terrorizing our community will be held accountable and severely punished,” Lacy said.

Assistant Attorneys General Jonathan McKay and Daniel Weiler prosecuted the case for Raoul’s Criminal Prosecutions and Trials Assistance Bureau.