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SHADWICK KING FOUND GUILTY AGAIN OF KILLING HIS WIFE, KATHLEEN KING, IN 2014

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*RE: **Shadwick R. King**: Age 55 (d.o.b. 6-25-1967), formerly of the 800 block of Oak Street, Geneva, Illinois. Case No. 14CF1229.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge John A. Barsanti has found **Shadwick R. King** guilty of the offense of first-degree murder for killing his wife, 32-year-old Kathleen King, in July 2014.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Greg Sams, Mark D. Stajdohar and Margaret O'Brien presented evidence that, shortly after 5 a.m. on July 6, 2014, Shadwick King asphyxiated Kathleen King at their home, killing her. Mr. King had recently learned that Kathleen King was emotionally involved with another man. Mr. King then placed her body on the Union Pacific Railway tracks in the vicinity of the 200 block of Briar Lane and Esping Park on Geneva's east side. Shortly after 6:30 a.m. that day, a Metra Rail conductor reported seeing a female body lying on the tracks. Geneva police immediately responded to the scene and determined the woman was deceased.

A jury in March 2015 had found King guilty of first-degree murder in Kathleen King's death, and a judge sentenced him to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. However, the Illinois Appellate Court Second District, citing concerns with an expert witness, nullified the jury's guilty verdict and ordered a new trial.

Judge John A. Barsanti set King's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. on October 5, 2022, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center for post-trial motions.

Judge Barsanti revoked King's bond upon conviction. King remains in custody at the Kane County jail.

ASA Sams said:

"This has been a journey of now more than eight years for Kathleen's family. And that is where I want to start. They lost so much when Kathleen was murdered, and yet they have remained ever vigilant, ever caring, and ever dedicated to her memory. This verdict does

not give them Kathleen back, but it is a continued step forward in their recovery from the grief I remember seeing in their faces in July 2014.

“It is also important to recognize the outstanding work done by the Geneva Police Department throughout its investigation. Led by Officer Bob Pech, the dedicated law enforcement from Geneva never ceased in their commitment to making sure that justice was served.

“Finally, I thank my prosecutorial team of Mark Stajdohar and Maggie O’Brien. The citizens of Kane County should feel secure in knowing that, like all of the prosecutors in the Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office, professionals like Mark and Maggie are working tirelessly to make this a safer community.”

Kane County State’s Attorney Mosser said:

“During the first jury trial and the second bench trial, ASA Sams and his prosecution team presented evidence that Mr. King strangled his wife and left her body on the train tracks. The guilty verdict then and the guilty verdict now are just. I hope that this will bring additional healing to Ms. King’s family. My incredible thanks to ASA Greg Sams who spent countless hours ensuring the result in the case. His expertise and passion are great assets to this office and have again made this community safer. My further thanks to ASA’s Mark Stajdohar and Maggie O’Brien for their work on this matter and to the Geneva Police Department for their thorough investigation.”