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## SHADWICK KING GETS 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR KILLING HIS WIFE, KATHLEEN KING, IN 2014

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge John A. Barsanti has sentenced **Shadwick R. King** to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In August, Judge Barsanti found King guilty of the offense of first-degree murder in the July 2014 death of his wife, 32-year-old Kathleen King. Shadwick King waived his right to a jury trial.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Greg Sams, Mark D. Stajdohar and Margaret O'Brien presented the following facts in court:

Sometime after 6 a.m. on July 6, 2014, Shadwick King asphyxiated Kathleen King, 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.

In March 2015, a jury found King guilty of first-degree murder in the case and he was subsequently sentenced to 30 years in prison. However, the Illinois Appellate Court Second District, citing concerns with an expert witness' testimony, nullified the verdict and ordered a new trial.

According to Illinois law, King must serve the full sentence. He receives credit for time served in the Kane County jail and in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

#### **Kane County State's Attorney Mosser said:**

"In the 8½ years since Shadwick King's horrendous act, police and prosecutors have been vigilant in their pursuit of justice for Kathleen. Kathleen's family has remained patient, gracious and kind despite their unimaginable grief. My thoughts remain with each of them in their search for peace and I thank them for their cooperation and assistance. I cannot say enough about the incredible work of the prosecution team of ASAs Sams, Stajdohar and O'Brien. Their professionalism is second to none. Thanks also to victim advocate Linda Hagemann, and to Geneva Police Officer Bob Pech and the rest of the Geneva Police Department for their work in bringing this matter to justice."