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STATE'S ATTORNEY MOSSER'S STATEMENT REGARDING AURORA POLICE RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 5 OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING AT COLORADO AVENUE RESIDENCE

February 10, 2023

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, the Major Crimes Task Force contacted Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser to inform her of an officer-involved shooting that had occurred that day during the morning hours.

Illinois law dictates that an officer-involved shooting must be independently investigated and that the State's Attorney must review the investigation findings to determine whether the police use of force was justified. The Kane County Major Crimes Task Force is charged with conducting such investigations in Kane County. The task force is comprised of experienced officers who have significant knowledge and expertise in major crimes investigations. Task force officers represent multiple Kane County police agencies. No personnel from the jurisdiction where the incident occurred are involved in use-of-force investigations.

State's Attorney Mosser has remained in contact with the Major Crimes Task Force and members of the Aurora Police Department regarding the February 5 incident. State's Attorney Mosser and other senior prosecutors at the Kane County State's Attorney's Office have viewed body-worn camera videos, the 911 call, radio traffic and police reports.

The evidence showed that, on February 5, 2023 at about 10:28 a.m., Aurora police officers responded to a 911 call for a man armed with a knife threatening to kill others at the residence in the 900 block of Colorado Avenue. Upon arrival, two uniformed officers met **Kristopher I. Cross** at the front door of the residence. The officers' body-worn cameras show the following:

- Cross was agitated, immediately confrontational with officers and was armed with a large knife.
- Officers spoke to Cross through a glass screen door and repeatedly ordered him to drop the knife.
- Cross yelled at the officers that he was going to stab them and that they were going to "die today."
- Cross continued to yell at the officers and disobey their commands.
- At some point while still at the front door, Cross grabbed a second large knife.

- Both knives appeared to have blades approximately eight inches in length.
- Cross shut the front door as other officers were assisting the others in the house to exit through the attached garage.
- The two officers then retreated to the driveway, where they were joined by other officers who had arrived on the scene.
- Cross exited the home through a door between the house and the garage. The overhead garage door to the outside was open.
- While in the garage, Cross continued to yell at officers while armed with the two large knives.
- Officers continually ordered Cross to drop the knives as he was in the garage, but he refused to comply.
- Cross took an aggressive stance at the threshold of the garage door, and yelled that he was going to show the officers how fast he is. At this point, several of the officers were approximately 20 to 25 feet away from Cross.
- Based on Cross' refusal to drop the knives, an officer fired non-lethal pepper-ball rounds at him in an attempt to gain compliance.
- Cross turned away from the rounds and then immediately turned toward the officers.
- Cross, while still armed with both knives, charged toward officers, who were standing close to one another in the driveway.
- As Cross, still holding a large knife in each hand, charged the officers, an officer quickly transitioned from the pepper-ball gun to his service weapon. While Cross was charging him, having closed the distance between himself and the officers to approximately five feet, the officer discharged his service weapon at Cross.
- Cross was struck by gunfire and fell to the ground.

It was then discovered that Cross had a third knife hidden in his pant leg and shoe area.

Officers immediately rendered medical aid until Aurora Fire Department personnel arrived and transported Cross to a local hospital.

It was later learned that before police arrived and during an argument with his girlfriend in the basement bedroom that they shared, Cross had physically blocked a doorway, preventing his girlfriend, who was holding their infant child, from leaving the room. Cross continued to block the doorway until his father physically removed him. Cross then made his way to the kitchen, where he armed himself with multiple knives. While armed with the knives, Cross threatened to kill everyone in the home, which prompted the 911 call.

After a thorough review of the evidence, State's Attorney Mosser charged Cross with the following offenses:

- Attempt first-degree murder – Class X felony, 2 counts (two officers)
- Unlawful restraint – Class 4 felony (family/household member)
- Aggravated assault of a peace officer – Class 4 felony, 2 counts (two officers)
- Aggravated use of a deadly weapon – Class A misdemeanor, 2 counts (two family/household members)

A judge signed a warrant for Cross' arrest and set his bail at \$750,000 with 10 percent (\$75,000) to apply for bond.

Until Cross is served with the warrant, he will not have a next court appearance.

The Kane County State's Attorney's Office will publish the results of its review of the investigation's findings in a timely manner when the investigation is complete.

The charges against Cross are not proof of guilt. Cross is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Kane County State's Attorney's Office will have no additional comment on the incident or the investigations due to ethical limitations pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rules.

Kristopher I. Cross: Age 21 (d.o.b. 12-9-2001), of the 900 block of Colorado Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2023CF286.