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Lacy, others to discuss criminal justice law in virtual event

As a controversial criminal justice reform bill was signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker Monday, a Vermilion County official is set to take part in an expert panel discussion on the initiative.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy is to take part in a virtual meeting sponsored by Center for Illinois Politics to be held from 7-8:30 p.m. March 1 to discuss HB 3653.

The bill, passed by both houses of the legislature in mid-January, was signed by Pritzker Monday. The new law, drawn up by the Legislative Black Caucus, limits the use of force by police officers, eliminates cash bail by 2023 and mandates body cams by 2025, among other provisions.

Lacy, along with many state's attorneys in Illinois, came out against the bill prior to its passage in the wee hours of the lame duck session on January 13.

Joining Lacy in discussing both sides of the legislation will be Sen. Elgie R. Sims Jr., chief Senate sponsor of the bill, Kimberly Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney, Robert Berlin, DuPage County State's Attorney, Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney and David Olson, criminology professor and co-director of Loyola's Center for Criminal Justice Research, Police and Practice.

Discussion will be moderated by Derrick Blakley, political reporter for WMAQ-TV, WBBM-TV and former CBS News correspondent.

The criminal justice reform law was praised by Democrats and progressive reformers throughout Illinois but was harshly criticized by prosecutors, law enforcement and Republicans.

In March, Illinois Sheriffs' Association, Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, Chicago Lodge 7 Fraternal Order of Police, Illinois Police Benevolent and Protective Association, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police banded together to form a new group, Coalition of Public Safety (COPS), to fight against the elimination of bail and other



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measures in HB 3653.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition issued a statement Monday after Pritzker signed it, saying, "In signing this bill into law, Governor Pritzker chose to listen to a few strident political voices rather than the 120,000 petition signing citizens who plainly saw the bill for what it is. This new law is a blatant move to punish an entire, honorable profession that will end up hurting law-abiding citizens the most. Because we are sworn to protect and serve the public, we sincerely hope that we will not be proven right about this new law, that it won't cause police officers to leave the profession in droves and handcuff those who remain so they can't stop

crimes against people and property. Please don't let us measure its dismal failure by the shattered lives it produces. We urge all citizens to remember who supported this law, and keep that in mind the next time they look to the police in Illinois for the protection they can no longer provide."

In a release after signing the legislation, Pritzker said, "This legislation marks a substantial step toward dismantling the systemic racism that plagues our communities, our state and our nation and brings us closer to true safety, true fairness and true justice," said Governor JB Pritzker. "In this terrible year, in the middle of a brutal viral pandemic that hurt Black people and Brown people disproportionately, lawmakers fought to address the pandemic of systemic racism in the wake of national protests. This bill was also infused with solutions from individuals most directly impacted: survivors of domestic violence, survivors of crime, and those who have been detained pre-trial only because they are poor. Today we advance our values in the law – progress secured despite the pandemic, because of the passion and push of the Legislative Black Caucus, activists, advocates, and resi-

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From the Blotter

Lacy Simpson, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested after being stopped for a traffic violation at 11:30 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of West Main. She was charged with driving while license suspended and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

On February 10, Iroquois County Sheriff's Police arrested Antonietta Spina, 52, of Milford. According to police reports, Spina was charged with domestic battery after sheriff's police were sent to the 100 block of North Fritz Dr., Milford, for a domestic

Obituaries

HAMRICK - Eleanor J. (Muehling) Hamrick, 92, of Iroquois, formerly of Cissna Park, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon memorial service Monday at Iroquois Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Amity Cemetery, Goodwine. Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

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disturbance.

She was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where she posted bond and was released.

Court Dispositions

Anita G. Gunn, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to interference, fined \$180; status hearing February 10.

C&C Assets, LLC, Newport, failed to appear at sentencing for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing February 10.

Brian K. Swinford, Danville, unable to appear at trial for nuisance structure; status hearing February 10.

Collin A. Shaner, Danville, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial February 10.

Thad Finnell, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, new hearing February 10.

Haley M. Edwards, Hoopeston, failed to appear at sentencing for theft, was found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing February 10.

Mihail S. Mihalios, Chicago, appeared at sentencing for nuisance structure, pleaded not guilty; trial February 10.

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dents intent on leaving a better Illinois for all our children.”

Closer to home, state Sen. Jason Barickman, said in a statement, “I’m extremely disappointed that the Governor didn’t listen to the scores of police officers, state’s attorneys, and concerned citizens, who all shared one clear and obvious concern—that this proposal will make our communities less safe. This new law will make it harder for police to arrest and detain criminals, and more difficult for prosecutors to keep dangerous offenders off the streets. This is what happens when only one side is involved in the process of crafting legislation. Hopefully we will be able to pass some sort of follow-up legislation to minimize the damage this law will cause to public safety.”

To register for the discussion, go to us02web.zoom.us/join/96111111111.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 40. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 23. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 39, low 20.

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The City of Hoopeston Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 18th, 2021 at 4:30 pm located at City Hall, 301 W Main St. The Commission will hear and decide on two issues, the rezoning of W.P. Pierce's 7th Addition Lot 15 and an encroachment for 200 E Main St. onto the City easement located on the East side of Bank St.

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Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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