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Lacy weighs in on high court's Pretrial Fairness Act decision

Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy on Monday issued a statement on the Illinois Supreme Court's decision that the Pre-Trial Fairness portion of the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today (SAFE-T) Act does not violate the state constitution.

On July 18, the state's high court upheld the provision in a 5-2 vote along party lines.

"To say I am disappointed is an understate-Vermilion County."



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Lacy said the act will limit the ability for judges to protect the public and victims, as well as to ensure the offender will appear in court. Also, she said, the legislature "has now been given the power to change the Illinois Constitution without putting forth a referendum to the voters of the State of Illinois," she said. Third, requiring an unwarranted additional presumption of no bail clearly contradicts previously established and superior law, places crime victims at a greater risk to be victimized again and unnecessarily subjects witnesses to threats and intimidation.

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"As the Chief Legal Officer in Vermilion County, I pledge to work with our law enforcement partners and to continue to do what is right for Vermilion County," she said.

In her release, Lacy outlined the timeline of events after the SAFE-T Act was enacted in 2021. In September 2022, she filed a motion for declaratory judgement and injunctive relief in her official capacity. The motion asked the court to find that Public Act 102-1104 violated portions of Articles I, II and IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and asked that the law be voided. Similar motions were filed by many state's attorneys throughout the state and were consolidated into Kankakee County.

On December 28, 2022, Circuit Judge Thomas Cunningham, Chief Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit, issed his ruling in favor of the plaintiffs and held that the Pre-Trial Fairness Act, specifically the bail reform and pretrial release provisions, was unconstitutional. Other previsions of the SAFE-T Act were upheld.

The plaintiffs in that suit were collectively represented by a litigation team consisting of the state's attorneys from Kankakee, Kendall, McHenry, Sangamon, Will and Vermilion counties. The defendants - Gov. J.B. Pritzker. Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Senate President Donald Harmon and Speaker of the House Christopher Welch - appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court.

ment," Lacy said in the statement. "I firmly believe that this decision will be a detriment to the criminal justice system and the people of

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Obituaries

CLOUD - Ronald Dean Cloud, 85, of Hoopeston, passed away at 12:05 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. He was born February 28, 1938, in Hoopeston, the son of Albert L. Cloud and Mary (Crumpton) Cloud Rives. He married Elsie M. Scott on August 14, 1964, in Hoopeston. She survives in Hoopeston.

He is also survived by four daughters, Debbie (Dan) Henning of Ilion, NY, Rhonda Bury of Bloomington, Dana (Kevin) Thomas of Danville, and Beth (Jeff) Thrasher of Maryville, TN; three sons, Timothy (Kat) Cloud of Queen Creek, AZ, Scott (Rosemary) Cloud of Lakewood Ranch, FL, and Dean (Heather) Cloud of Hoopeston; one sister-in-law, Ruthine Cloud of Kansas City, MO; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews, Mark Cloud, Brian Cloud, Linda Weinstein, and Terri Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Ethel (Don) Probasco; two brothers, Russell and Robert Cloud; one niece, Mary (Probasco) Wilken; and one nephew, Little Robert Cloud.

Ronald worked at Bohn Aluminum – Heatcraft in Danville for 35 years until his retirement. He was a member of

the Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene where he served as a board member and drove the church bus. He also served in the United States Army Reserves. Ron enjoyed woodworking, collecting coins, and volunteering for Meals on Wheels. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Ron will always be remembered for his witty sense of humor.

A visitation will be held 5–7 p.m. Thursday July 27, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will be held at 11a.m. Friday, July 28, 2023, at the funeral home, with Pastor Robert Killion officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made to the Missions of the Nazarene Church C/O the Milford Nazarene Church, 20 S. Axtel Ave., Milford, IL 60953.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Ronald's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

WHITE - Charles Benjamin "Ben" White, 81, of Danville died July 23, 2023 in Danville. Visitation will be 4-7

p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Saturday at East Park Church, Danville. Burial will be in Gundy Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Newell Township Historical Society. Blurton Funeral Homes is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

Death Notices

MAIRE - Thomas A. Maire, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 9:43 a.m. Sunday, July 23, 2023, at his home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

From the Blotter

Cornelio Pacheco, 48, of Oak Lawn, was ticketed for speeding after a traffic stop at 4:17 a.m. Monday at West Penn and Rt. 1. He was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

The GMC Envoy reported stolen Sunday from the 800 block of East Penn was found at 5:20 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of East Penn.

Police continue the investigation into the theft.

Court Dispositions

June 14

Lashaun R. Price, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance to purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, fined \$180; status hearing August 9.

Larry E. Sutton, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, status hearing July 12.

Jose L. Torres Jr., appeared at status hearing for restraint of dogs by owner; status hearing July 12.

Alaura D Hall, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for theft; status hearing July 12.

Brittney D. Rutledge, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180 plus 21 days to comply; status hearing July 12.

Weather

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Dated this 12th, 19th, and 26th day of July 2023
Gail Lane, City Clerk

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