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Illinois Attorney General Wins State's First Civil Hate Crime Lawsuit

The win came among dozens of lawsuits the state has filed against the Trump administration in the past year

Jenna Schweikert *Capitol News Illinois*

Amid a flurry of lawsuits filed in federal court against the Trump administration, Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office won a historic first in Illinois last month by successfully trying the state's first civil hate crime lawsuit.

Chad Hampton and his mother Cheryl Hampton, who are white, were found to have engaged in intimidation and disorderly conduct towards their neighbor, Gregory Johnson, who is Black, according to Raoul's office.

The Hamptons allegedly lynched an effigy of Johnson, facing his home, after Johnson had called the police on Chad Hampton for allegedly damaging his lawn. Court filings show the Hamptons also displayed a racial slur, swastikas and a Confederate flag aimed at their neighbor's home.

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"By withdrawing from the World Health Organization, Donald Trump has undermined science and weakened our nation's ability to detect and respond to global health threats," Pritzker said in a news release. "I refuse to sit idly by and let that happen."

Many WHO meetings involve national governments around the world, but GOARN is open to a wider variety of groups. It connects hundreds of public institutions, laboratories, academic institutions and different levels of government to detect and respond to public health threats like COVID-19, influenza and other diseases.

"Membership in this network strengthens Illinois' preparedness for future pandemics and emerging threats," the release states.

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Election '26: Four Democrats Seeking To Replace Mendoza As Illinois Comptroller

Candidates offer various approaches to job with some pledging bold legislative agenda

Ben Szalinski *Capitol News Illinois*

Who wants to manage Illinois' checkbook as the state faces growing financial uncertainty? Three state legislators and the treasurer of one of the state's largest counties have raised their hand.

Incumbent Comptroller Susana Mendoza — who first took office in 2016 in the middle of the state's infamous two-year budget stalemate — is not seeking reelection. Her departure created the first open primary for the Democratic party for a statewide constitutional office since 2018.

The comptroller's primary responsibility is ensuring the state's bills are paid — a task that wasn't always easy, but one that Mendoza has fine-tuned in recent years.

With Mendoza stepping aside, state Sen. Karina Villa of West Chicago, Rep. Margaret Croke of Chicago, Rep. Stephanie Kifowit of Oswego, and Lake County Treasurer Holly Kim are running in the Democratic primary. Each sat down with Capitol News Illinois reporters in recent days to answer questions.

Bryan Drew, a Republican from southern Illinois, is running unopposed for his party's nomination.

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'My Own Government Attempted to Execute Me,' Chicago Woman Shot by Border Patrol Testifies

Representatives called for immigration enforcement reform, civil liability of federal agents

Jenna Schweikert *Capitol News Illinois*

The Chicago woman who Border Patrol agents shot five times last October called the incident an attempted "execution" in a public forum Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

Marimar Martinez, a U.S. citizen and Chicago resident, was shot Oct. 4 during a confrontation with Customs and Border Patrol agents in Brighton Park in southwest Chicago.

Court documents state that Martinez's vehicle collided with a federal agent's, although it is undetermined which vehicle initiated the collision. Martinez's lawyers maintained she was not at fault for the accident and never intentionally hit the CBP agent's vehicle. But the Department of Homeland Security quickly spun the incident as an "ambush" on federal agents, and Martinez was charged with assault — a charge that a judge has since dismissed with prejudice, meaning it can't be refiled.

"On Friday, I was teaching the young children at the Montessori School, and we were singing and dancing and getting ready for spooky season, preparing fall activities to do the following week," Martinez said. "On Saturday, my own government was calling me a domestic terrorist, and I was in federal detention centers with the bullet holes all over my body."

"Domestic terrorist" is the same label DHS uses to refer to Renee Good and Alex Pretti, two citizens shot and killed by DHS agents in Minneapolis last month.

"I am Renee Good. I am Alex Pretti. I am Silverio Villegas Gonzalez. I am Keith Porter," Martinez said. "They should all be here today." Gonzalez was shot and killed by federal immigration agents in the Franklin Park suburb of Chicago, and Porter was shot and killed by an off-duty ICE agent on New Year's Eve in a suburb of Los Angeles.

Public forum

Martinez testified with two other citizens who accused Department of Homeland Security agents of assault.

The panel also included the attorney for the family of Good, who was shot and killed by DHS

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Illinois Joins WHO Global Outbreak Network After U.S. Withdraws

Illinois to continue sharing information about disease outbreaks with the public

Nikoel Hytrek *Capitol News Illinois*

Illinois will join the World Health Organization's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, or GOARN, to counterbalance the federal government's withdrawal, Gov. JB Pritzker announced Tuesday.

The network monitors disease outbreaks across the globe and prepares countries to respond to those outbreaks. As a member, Illinois will have access to research, timely alerts and information about outbreaks, risk assessments and trainings so state officials can respond to public health emergencies.

The move follows President Donald Trump leaving the international health organization in January 2025.

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Illinois will bring laboratory capacity to the organization, including genomic sequencing and wastewater surveillance developed for COVID-19. Illinois also provides expertise in outbreak investigations and communication about risk.

Already, the Illinois Department of Public Health collects data and information about emerging health risks, and that will continue.

“Disease knows no borders,” said Dr. Sameer Vohra, director of IDPH. “The decision by the U.S. government to withdraw from the World Health Organization threatens decades of progress in global health coordination that makes Illinois residents safer.”

Joining GOARN is another move Pritzker has made to counter federal public health policies.

Pritzker in 2025 signed a bill to allow IDPH to set its own vaccine guidelines. It also requires insurance companies to cover vaccines that are

recommended by IDPH.

He also joined the Governors Public Health Alliance, a group of 15 other governors that coordinates to monitor public health threats, share information and communicate with the global health community.

California also joined GOARN in late January.

The withdrawal is complicated because there is no official way to leave WHO and the United States is the only country with the ability to do so. Experts say it’s up to WHO members when the departure is finalized, and they expect the matter to come up in meetings in February and May.

Leaving WHO doesn’t mean leaving all global health efforts. The U.S. will still participate in organizations like UNICEF and the United Nations Children’s Fund.

Trump tried in 2020 to leave WHO, but President Joe Biden reversed that decision. Trump has accused WHO of not being independent and has demanded reforms without clarifying what those are. He has also criticized the way WHO handled the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tom Hughes, executive director of the Illinois Public Health Association, praised the announcement, emphasizing how strong systems and partnerships are crucial to public health.

“Public health works best when we are informed, connected, and prepared,” he said. “Joining GOARN means Illinois public health leaders can access timely, reliable information, global expertise, and trusted partners when it matters most.”

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have a president who pays lip service to the existential risk of nuclear weapons, but hasn’t taken the necessary steps to reduce that risk. His Truth Social post from today at least signals an openness to strong and enduring arms control agreements; whether his administration follows through remains to be seen.

“Anyone who remembers past arms control negotiations understands the gravity of this moment. Putin’s Russia has repeatedly shown that it views nuclear weapons not simply as a deterrent of last resort, but also as a tool of political blackmail. As Congress’ Ph.D. physicist, I’ve been sounding the alarm on this issue for years and remain deeply engaged in working across the aisle to decrease nuclear risk. I am calling on both nations to abide by the numerical limits set under New START until a new agreement is signed.”

Congressman Foster leads 27 colleagues in the House on H.Res.100, condemning Russia’s suspension of its participation in New START and calling on the administration to pursue arms control talks with Russia and China. Last month, Congressman Foster hosted a Special Order Hour on the expiration of the New START Treaty, which can be found here.

Before he became a Member of Congress, Foster worked as a high-energy physicist and particle accelerator designer at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab). He was a member of the team that discovered the top quark, the heaviest known form of matter. He also led the teams that designed and built several scientific facilities and detectors still in use today, including the Antiproton Recycler Ring, the latest of Fermilab’s giant particle accelerators.

Foster Statement on Funding Package Vote, DHS Reforms

Belvidere’s Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) issued the following statement on his vote in favor of the funding package that reopens the government, locks in Democratic wins in the budget, and provides a two-week window to negotiate meaningful changes to ICE:

“Today’s vote is a win for Democrats and for the people we represent. This bill rejects the Trump Administration’s proposed \$163 billion in cuts to public services, protects hard-won Democratic priorities, and funds an additional seven of my FY 2026 Community Project Funding selections—delivering \$8.8 million for my district.

“Importantly, this agreement limits Homeland Security funding to a two-week continuing resolution, giving Democrats critical time and leverage to demand serious reforms and accountability at DHS. Right now, the vast majority of ICE’s funding comes from the One Big ‘Beautiful’ Bill, so prolonging a shutdown would not meaningfully reduce their budget or impact their operations. Passing this bill allows Congress to focus on enacting meaningful reforms to ICE without jeopardizing federal workers’ livelihoods or essential government programs.”

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U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, Congress’ Lone Ph.D. Physicist, Issues Statement On Expiration of New START Treaty

Belvidere’s Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) issued the following statement:

“The last remaining limits on the world’s two largest nuclear arsenals disappear, and the world is now more vulnerable to nuclear escalation than at any point in the last fifteen years.

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- Public health & research: increased NIH funding and stronger support for mental health and opioid response.
- Education & families: increased funding for child care and Head Start.
- Housing & homelessness: strengthened rental assistance and homelessness prevention programs.
- Infrastructure & security: investments in FAA modernization and air traffic controller staffing.
- Reasserts Congress' power of the purse: reins in the Trump Administration and reasserts Congress' power over government spending through increased requirements on the use of funds.

Bill to Regulate Homeowners Insurance Rates Could Reemerge this Session

Pritzker called for legislation following State Farm's double-digit rate hike last year

Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois lawmakers are poised to make a second attempt at passing a bill that would give state regulators more authority to control the rising cost of homeowners insurance.

Gov. JB Pritzker called for the legislation last summer after Bloomington-based State Farm Insurance announced it was raising premiums in Illinois an average 27.2%, citing years of losses in its property casualty line of coverage due to weather-related disasters in the state.

A bill to give the Illinois Department of Insurance authority to approve or reject insurance rate increases passed the Senate during last fall's veto session. But when it returned to the House for a

vote to concur with changes the Senate had made, the amended bill fell four votes short of the 60 needed for passage. That left many to believe the bill had died.

The following day, however, the bill's chief House sponsor, Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, refiled a motion to concur, which is allowed under House rules. And Pritzker has said since the end of the veto session that he still wants the legislation to pass.

"They get a second bite at the apple," Kevin Martin, executive director of the Illinois Insurance Association, said in an interview.

Gabel told Capitol News Illinois through a spokesperson this week that no decision had been made about calling the bill for a second vote. But Martin said people in the industry have heard the bill could be called as early as Tuesday, when the House and Senate return to the Statehouse to begin the 2026 legislative session in earnest.

Current environment

The controversy over State Farm's rate hike last year raised attention to the fact that Illinois stands out among states for having exceptionally weak regulations over the insurance industry.

Advocates for the legislation argue that every state in the nation except Illinois has a law that prohibits insurance companies from charging "inadequate, excessive or unfairly discriminatory" premiums. And other states' insurance regulators have authority to review and modify proposed rate increases.

Illinois, however, is known in the insurance industry as a "use-and-file" state, meaning companies can raise their rates at any time and immediately put them into effect before filing the new rate schedule with state regulators.

The Illinois Department of Insurance has authority to license companies and agents to do business in the state. It also has authority to make sure insurance products sold in Illinois comply with state laws and that companies honor the terms of their policies. But it has no other authority to re-

view or approve the rates they charge.

Douglas Heller, director of insurance for the Washington-based Consumer Federation of America, described Illinois' law last year as "among the most toothless in the nation."

In the wake of State Farm's rate increase last year, Pritzker suggested the company was trying to shift the cost of disaster-related losses in other states like California and Florida onto the backs of Illinois consumers, and he said legislation was needed to prevent that practice from happening in Illinois.

"As states across the country face even more extreme weather than we do, we need to make sure Illinois homeowners are not paying for losses that companies experience in other states," Pritzker said in an op-ed column published in the Chicago Tribune that was cosigned by House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Senate President Don Harmon.

State Farm officials firmly denied that allegation, and Martin insisted no insurance companies in Illinois engage in that practice.

"We have never seen anything like that, and we would argue very strongly that that does not happen and cannot happen based on the actuarial data that the companies have to provide in Illinois on Illinois losses," he said.

Proposed changes

Pritzker's call for new legislation to regulate homeowners insurance rates led to intense negotiations between the governor's office, legislative leaders and the insurance industry. But the final language wasn't unveiled until the final hours of the fall veto session.

The language was put into a Senate amendment to House Bill 3799. It included language prohibiting "excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory" rates. It also called for banning the practice of "cost-shifting" by requiring companies to use state-specific loss data to develop their rates whenever possible.

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Who are the candidates

Kifowit is the longest tenured legislator of the group, having joined the General Assembly in 2013. She is leaning on her Marine Corps service and past career as a financial advisor to argue she is the most qualified candidate.

"In this race, individuals need an independent, knowledgeable, experienced person for this position, one that has the backbone like I do from being a United States Marine Corps veteran, and one that has life experience along with professional experience," Kifowit told Capitol News Illinois.

She is facing an uphill battle in fundraising, however, as her campaign raised the least money of the candidates in the final quarter of 2025. Croke is leading the financial race thus far as the only candidate to raise at least \$500,000 during that fundraising period.

Croke has been in the legislature since 2021 and was previously a deputy director at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. She is a close ally of Gov. JB Pritzker and has received endorsements from several top Democrats, including the influential Cook County Democratic Party, but Pritzker has not been one of them.

"We all have seen bills pass, and we've seen bills blow up, and it's because of your relationships or if you understand how to get these things done," Croke told Capitol News Illinois. "So, I feel really confident about my ability to kind of steer the ship in the right direction."

Croke narrowly won the support of the Cook County party over Villa, who is backed by Senate President Don Harmon and U.S. Rep. Delia Ramirez as she tries to carve a lane as the most progressive anti-Trump candidate in the race. Villa has been in the legislature since 2019 but does not have a financial background — her career was in social work.

"This is the people's money and a social worker who has this background, who has the understanding, who has spent all of this time in the General Assembly combing through the budget and understanding how, at times, in order to balance budgets, we have to actually cut service line items that are so critical for everyday people to make ends meet — the social worker being the comptroller makes the most sense," Villa told Capitol News Illinois.

Kim has no legislative experience in Springfield but spent four years on the Mundelein Village Board and has served as treasurer in Lake County — Illinois' 3rd largest county with more than 700,000 residents — since 2018. She

boasts support from dozens of officials in local government and Democratic county chairs across the state.

"I'm in charge of billions of dollars," Kim told Capitol News Illinois. "All the checks go out with my name on it, which means out of four people running, I'm already doing the comptroller job. I'm definitely going to be a fierce protector of people and their money."

Budget philosophy

The comptroller does not directly deal with the legislative process of approving a budget, but the candidates had plenty of ideas on how the state should manage its finances.

Mendoza herself has been an outspoken supporter of boosting the "rainy day" fund and has continued to advocate for ways to increase its size. The fund's \$2.4 billion balance only funds about two weeks of state operations, and lawmakers suspended the monthly transfer to the fund this year to free up money for other priorities in a tight budget year.

"To continue to put money away for a rainy day when we're in the middle of a tsunami, that's not when we should be putting money away for a rainy day," Villa said, adding "there's no way to prioritize that in this budget."

Raising revenue is the central focus of Villa's campaign. She suggested the state implement a tax on digital advertising and retry implementing a graduated income tax raise more money for social services she said are inadequately funded. Such a measure needs approval from both lawmakers and the general public, but voters rejected soundly rejected the proposed constitutional amendment that would have allowed it in 2020.

Kim took a similar approach and said the state's budget goals during Donald Trump's presidency should be focused on "maintaining" the state's credit rating, which was upgraded 10 times between the three major rating agencies under Mendoza.

"I would advocate for not only the progressive tax to be brought up as a longer-term solution, especially with years of rocky finances headed our way with Trump still in government for the next, you know, three years," Kim said.

Croke and Kifowit said they support reinstating regular funding for the rainy day fund.

"The comptroller's role is very vital in managing the finances and prioritizing and making sure that we're paying down our debt," Kifowit said.

Kifowit said the rainy day fund should be increased to at least \$5 billion. As the lead negotiator on pension reform for House Democrats, she also said that when bonds the state is currently

repaying expire, she suggested the state consider refinancing its pension debt.

"It all goes back to the credit rating: If we can increase our credit rating showing that we have financial stability, that we have those reserves and it helps us in the long term with our long-term borrowing, it's something that we need to do," Croke said.

Role of the office

Each candidate presented a different vision for how they will lead the office, with some saying they will use it to push policies in the General Assembly and others saying they will focus more on the comptroller's administrative responsibilities.

Villa said many answers to problems in Illinois depend on the legislature, and the comptroller's job should be "to bring attention to the fact that even though we are passing balanced budgets, we are missing a significant amount of money in order to fully fund the services that people need."

Kifowit said the comptroller must balance legislative goals with administrative responsibilities. Her goals include creating a nonprofit division to make it easier for nonprofits to track funds they will receive from the state.

Croke said her main focus will be on administrative responsibilities.

"I hope that everyone running just wants to make sure that this office continues to work because when it breaks down, state government breaks down," she said.

Kim said she wants to use the office to better connect with constituents about the office's responsibilities.

"The problem is government doesn't have really good, short explanation videos that are 'snacks,' and that's where we all are right now," she said. "And I think having more 'snack' videos of information of what's in the comptroller's office will help people to ... trust government and understand through transparency in those explanation videos."

Putting their mark on the office

Each Democrat complimented Mendoza's work but listed off changes they would make.

Mendoza's successor will have to be "nimble" to respond to constant federal uncertainty and be a "watchdog" over state finances to make sure the state isn't overspending, Kifowit said. She added that among her initiatives will be opposing any pension system investments in artificial intelligence or cryptocurrency.

Upgrading the office's technology is also a top priority for Croke and Kim.

"I've seen the software where you can follow appropriations within the budget and understand where taxpayer money is going," Croke said. "And I think at this critical time when you have household budgets that are, you know, really tight, and then our state budget is getting very tight, people want to know how you're using taxpayer money."

Kim said she will also focus on increasing privacy protections for personal data.

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repaying expire, she wants to dedicate those revenues to paying down pension debt. Pritzker has proposed a similar plan, but so far it hasn't gained traction in the legislature.

Croke said she wants those revenues to go to the rainy day fund, and

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Villa didn't offer specifics about her initiatives beyond calling for new taxes, which is ultimately left up to the governor and legislature. She said the job can't just be about paying bills on time.

Villa, Kim and Croke said they support keeping the office separate from the treasurer — the state's chief investment officer — citing corruption problems in the office when the responsibilities were merged under one roof prior to the 1970 constitution. Kifowit, however, said she would be open to combining the offices if there were enough checks and balances to provide safeguards.

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"This behavior is shocking, racist and un-American. I appreciate the judge's order that shows such despicable behavior will not be tolerated in our state," Raoul said in the release.

The attorney general's office was first given authority to try such a case in 2018. The legislature amended the Illinois Hate Crime Act to allow the attorney general to file civil lawsuits against residents for alleged hate crimes.

Carroll County Circuit Court Judge Jerry Kane ordered the Hamptons to each pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 and damages of \$45,000 to Johnson.

The lawsuit, filed in 2022, details a record of behavior Raoul says was aimed at intimidating Johnson, dating back to 2020. At the time of the

incidents, the Hamptons and Johnson resided in Carroll County in northwest Illinois.

"Johnson had repeatedly contacted the local police department in Savanna, Illinois, about the Hamptons' aggressive conduct toward him," the lawsuit says, stating that Johnson accused Chad Hampton of damaging his lawn with weed killer.

After Hampton was charged with a misdemeanor for the damage, the lynched effigy appeared in the Hamptons' front yard, which Raoul labeled as an intimidation tactic and threat of racial violence in the complaint.

Hate crimes in Illinois have been on the rise since 2016, but spiked in the last four years, according to FBI data collected from college, city, county, state and federal agencies.

Over 50% of reported hate crimes were due to race or ethnicity.

Reports of hate crimes have increased across the nation as well, according to the FBI data.

"With dramatic increases in reported hate crimes, I will continue to use all of the tools at my disposal to prosecute hate crimes and send the message that hate has no place in Illinois," Raoul said in a statement.

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agents in January, and an expert on law enforcement use of force tactics, who both raised concerns on the force federal immigration agents have used across the nation.

Good's two brothers also spoke.

This is the second public forum organized by U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat, and U.S. Rep. Robert Garcia, a Californian Democrat. The forums are part of an inquiry the pair opened in October investigating the detention of U.S. citizens by immigration agents.

"This is not normal, and this is neither professionally nor democratically acceptable," said Seth Stoughton, a former police officer and current public safety professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

"We see a lack of interagency collaboration or even basic communication, reducing both efficiency and public trust," he added. "We see poor tactics that put community members and federal agents themselves in unnecessary danger, and we see profound failures of leadership after critical incidents that never should have happened."

Blumenthal and Garcia opened the forum by asking Congress to support allowing citizens to sue federal agents for actions taken against them.

"When you serve this country in an elected office or in uniform, you swear an oath to the Constitution, you pledge to work for all Americans," Garcia said. "You don't get a license to kill, and there's no absolute immunity. We're going to stand up for the rights of our communities, and we believe strongly that we need to hear the stories of those that are in front of us."

U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, who represents part of the Chicago region and is running for the U.S. Senate, also called for reforming Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the forum.

Martinez's testimony

Martinez is asking a federal judge to allow the release of evidence in her case in light of the federal government continuing to label her as a "domestic terrorist."

"As a 30-year-old USA citizen with no criminal history, I believed that I had nothing to worry about, but I was concerned for my friends and neighbors," Martinez testified, recalling the Saturday that she saw CBP agents in downtown Chicago. "For the next 15 to 20 minutes, I followed these border patrol agents through my neighborhood, honking my horn, shouting out, 'La Migra'," which in Spanish means immigration officers.

Martinez followed the agents for several blocks before the vehicles collided, resulting in minor dents and scrapes on both vehicles.

According to testimony and documents from Martinez's now-dropped assault case, she stopped her vehicle directly after the collision and the agents' SUV came to a halt just ahead of Martinez. She then accelerated away, testifying in court that she swerved left to avoid hitting the agents, who were exiting their vehicle.

That's when the agents opened fire, ultimately striking Martinez five times in the arm, chest and both legs. Only one of the three agents had a body camera activated at the time.

While the body camera footage hasn't been released publicly, lawyers for Martinez have said in court that it shows an officer shouting "do something b—."

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For more information about Early Voting please contact the Boone County Clerk’s Office at 815-544-3103.
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County Clerk & Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE, IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:TOBY ROUSH,
Deceased.
2025PR74
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS
NOTICE is given of the death of Toby Roush on September 9, 2025. Letters of Office were issued on December 18, 2025, to Nicole L. Keil, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.
Claims against the estate may be filed on or before August 6, 2026, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE
Daggett, Dale, Plaintiff,
vs.
Case No.: 2025-FC-89
Louis Tenore Jr.; Louis Tenore Jr as Trustee under the provisions of a certain trust agreement dated the 22nd day of July, 2008, and known as Trust Number SBL-2894; EPI, LLC, a dissolved Illinois Limited Liability Company; Park National Bank, as Trustee under a Trust)
Agreement dated December 19, 2003 and known as Trust Number 31796; John Grafft, a deceased individual; Village of Poplar Grove; State of Illinois, Department of Revenue; Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff, Dale Daggett, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the property described as follows, to wit:
LOT THREE (3) IN EDENFRUIT BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 14, 2001 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2001R02233, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
PIN: 04-19-176-024
Commonly Known As: East Street, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065
The Mortgage was made on May 5, 2009 by Louis Tenore Jr.as mortgagor to Dale Daggett, as mortgagee and recorded on May 5, 2009 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in Boone County, Illinois as Document No. 2009R04463.
Summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Boone County against you as provided by law, and that suit is now pending.
Now, therefore, unless you, the above Defendants, file your answer to the complaint in this case or otherwise file your appearance in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk, on or before August 10, 2026, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.
YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TIME IN WHICH THE SUBJECT REAL ESTATE MAY BE REDEEMED FROM FORECLOSURE, PURSUANT TO LAW, COMMENCES TO RUN WITH THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
Dated: 2/2/26 at Boone County, Illinois
Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois
Jason Rock
BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG, BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP
6833 Stalter Dr.
Rockford, IL. 61108
(815) 962-6611
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF MORGAN STANLEY HOME
EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,
-v.-
25 FC 29
CARWIN RAYPHOLE, JR, Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 24, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF FRY’S RE-SURVEY, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS ON PAGE 9 IN THE RECORDER’S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 1121 KISHWAUKEE STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-129-009
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$134,342.96.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver’s license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 25-103148.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207
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847-291-1717
E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
Attorney File No. 25-103148
Case Number: 25 FC 29
TJSC#: 45-3265
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff’s attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, 601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE,
ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF Dolores Hodge, DECEASED.
25 PR 77
Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Cheryl Schmitt, 2128 Davis Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Terrence E. Davey, Malman Law, 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before August 17, 2026, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.
Terrence E. Davey
Malman Law
205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312)629-0099
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STATEOFILLINOIS
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17THJUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE
In the Matter of the Estate of JOAN M. BUCHANAN a/k/a JOAN BUCHANAN,deceased
No. 2026-PR-6
CLAIMNOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOAN M. BUCHANAN a/k/a JOAN BUCHANAN, of Belvidere, Illinois on September 5 2025. Letters of office were issued on January 28, 2026 to AMANDA L. BUCHANAN, 2219 E. Portland St. #1, Phoenix, AZ 85006, as independent Executor, whose attorney is TOBIN, RAMON & BARBER, 530 South State Street; Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755ILCS5/28-4), an interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 17, 2026, which date is not less than six(6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within10 days after it has been filed.
DATED:
AMANDA L. BUCHANAN
Independent Executor
Lois Cannell Ramon ARDC# 2280434
Tobin, Ramon & Barber
530 S. State St., Suite 200
Belvidere, IL 61008
(815)544-0316
patti@tobinramon.com
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Notice of Lien Sale of Stored Vehicle
Notice is hereby given by Boxed Up Self Storage, or affiliates, intends to hold a public sale to satisfy a lien, pursuant to 770 ILCS 95/1 et seq., by selling a vehicle belonging to those individuals listed below on March 4, 2026, at approximately 11:00 a.m. (CST) at www.storage treasures.com.
BOXED UP SELF STORAGE
4431 IL Route 173, Caledonia IL, 61011-9754
Parking Space: V114
Owner(s): Regina Czajkowski and Cade A. Wilson
Lienholder: Santander Consumer USA Inc.
Make: Ford
Model: 2018 Focus
VIN: 1FADP3H21HL264428
Amount due and owing: \$749.89

Parking Space: VO4
Owner(s): Jo Sprawl
Lienholder: One Main Financial Group LLC
Make: Saturn
Model: 2007 Ion
VIN: 1G8AJ55F37Z152186
Amount due and owing: \$2,910.00

Unit Number: 450
Owner(s): Timothy Wasinger
Lienholder: N/A
Make: Geo
Model: 1991 Metro
VIN: JG1MR336MK608722
Amount due and owing: \$6,032.27
For more information, please contact Boxed Up Self Storage by phone at (815) 399-9226 or by email at info@boxedupselfstorage.com.
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. See website and conditions. Purchases must be made with cash only and must be paid at the Boxed Up Operations Center located at 1511 E. Riverside Boulevard, Loves Park, Illinois 61111, in order to complete the transaction. Boxed Up Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase until winning bidder takes possession of the property. All sales are final. Following sale, buyer must cooperate with completion of all documentation required by the Illinois Secretary of State to transfer ownership of the vehicle and take possession.
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
In the Interest of: MALIKHA ARMANI JUSTIC RICHARDSON, A Minor. CASE NO: 26 GR 5
TO JUSTIN BROWN AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Take notice that on the 9th day of February, 2026, a Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, 17th Judicial Circuit, and that in courtroom 3 of the Boone County Courthouse, on the 17th day of March, 2026 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor. All parties are required to appear by Zoom. The meeting ID is 963 9791 8024.
Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Petition, the Petition may be taken for confessed as against you and an Order, Judgment, or Decree entered.
Dated at Belvidere, Illinois this 9th day of February, 2026.
Pamela Coduto
Clerk of the Circuit Court
ERIN L. NASH #6304953
Nash Law Office, P.C.
4615 East State Street, Suite 101
Rockford, IL 61108
(815) 397-7500
erin@nashlawofficepc.com
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SEL STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Boxed Up Self Storage, or its affiliates, on behalf of the Owner of the facilities indicated below, intends to hold a public sale to satisfy a lien by selling personal property belonging to those individuals listed below for cash on March 11 , 2026, at approximately 7pm CST.

Boxed Up Self Storage - Poplar Grove

4431 IL Route 173 Poplar Grove, IL 61011-9754
Unit #-Tenant
#309- Vessels, Jess F
#723- Gijon, Dayanira
#830- White, Nathan

Boxed Up Self Storage - Belvidere

1930 W. Chrysler Dr. Belvidere, IL. 61008
Unit#-Tenant
#401- Gwaltney, Stephanie
#429- Scott Jr, James
#300- Evensen, William
#433- Schmoldt, Paula
#503- Remillard-Schneck, Amanda

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. See website for terms and conditions. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on www.storage-treasures.com. A buyers premium, up to 15%, and a cleaning deposit will be charged per unit. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at Boxed Up Operations Center located at 1511 E. Riverside Blvd. Loves Park, IL 61111 in order to complete the transaction. Boxed Up Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. All sales are final.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

In the Interest of: ZENDEYA ALIAH RICHARDSON, A Minor.
CASE NO: 26 GR 6

TO ALEM MERIED AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on the 9th day of February, 2026, a Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, 17th Judicial Circuit, and that in courtroom 3 of the Boone County Courthouse, on the 17th day of March, 2026 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor. All parties are required to appear by Zoom. The meeting ID is 963 9791 8024.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Petition, the Petition may be taken for confessed as against you and an Order, Judgment, or Decree entered.

Dated at Belvidere, Illinois this 9th day of February, 2026.

Pamela Coduto
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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Nash Law Office, P.C.
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ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA 4261 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LANDSCAPING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of GG'S LANDSCAPING that its location is or will be 1001 W 6TH ST in BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-544-1860
GERARDO GARDUNO
1001 W 6TH ST BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office.

Dated: January 27, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County
Published in Boone County Journal 02/03,10,17 P.

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA 4263 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a BANQUET HALL business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of COUNTRY SIDE EVENTS that its location is or will be 13535 IL 76 in POPLAR GROVE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-378-6080
RICHARD EUGENE HARRIS
13537 RT 76 POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 12, 2026

Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County
Published in Boone County Journal 02/17,24 03/03 P.

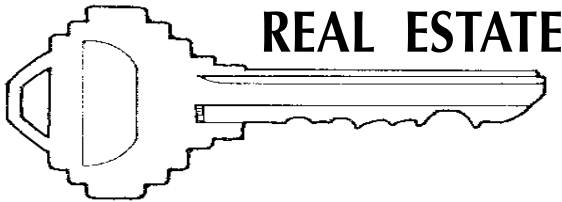
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4264 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a COSMETOLOGY business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of LUPITA'S BEAUTY that its location is or will be 502 HIGHLAND ST in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-540-9983
MARIA GUADALUPE MEDINA
502 HIGHLAND ST BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an

Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 12, 2026
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MORTGAGE CENTER L.L.C., Plaintiff,
-v.- 2024 FC 21
EDWIN H. RANDALL JR, KRISTINE L. RANDALL, UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 11, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 27, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 18143 CAPRON ROAD, CAPRON, IL 61012
Property Index No. 02-35-300-002
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$262,156.98.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA Plaintiff's Attorneys, 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 782-9676. Please refer to file number WWR 23-001179.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA
180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400
CHICAGO IL, 60601
312-782-9676
Fax #: 312-782-4201
E-Mail: ChicagoREDG@weltman.com
Attorney File No. WWR 23-001179
Case Number: 2024 FC 21
TJSC#: 46-99

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
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BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF MORGAN STANLEY HOME
EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,
-v.- 25 FC 29

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For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 25-103148.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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847-291-1717
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Attorney File No. 25-103148
Case Number: 25 FC 29
TJSC#: 45-3265

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The agent who shot her allegedly said in a group text to friends: "I fired 5 rounds and she had 7 holes. Put that in your book, boys."

"The physical scars will always be there in the mornings and evenings, when I get dressed and I stare at my body, now permanently disfigured by the five lead bullets," Martinez said. "They will be there this summer when I head to the beach with my dogs and family. They will be there when I get down on the floor with my students.

"Perhaps even worse, the mental scars will always be there as a reminder of the time my own government attempted to execute me, and when they failed, they chose to vilify me."

Release of evidence

In late January, Martinez's attorneys requested that U.S. District Judge Georgia Alexakis lift an order barring Martinez from sharing records like photos, videos and communications from the incident.

Several media outlets, including the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times*, also requested the release of the records but that motion was denied.

Federal prosecutors announced Tuesday they would not oppose the release of the body camera footage that depicts the crash, or interviews with the agents, but would oppose the release of text messages not already seen by the public, according to the *Tribune*.

Alexakis is expected to rule on that motion Wednesday.

The order is standard in most trials to protect against public disclosure in a criminal case. But even though the charges have been dropped, Martinez's lawyers say the information needs to become public because DHS continues to label Martinez as a "domestic terrorist."

"I am asking you today, pleading with you to please help bring back the America I grew up loving," Martinez said at Tuesday's forum. "If there's no justice for the people, let there be no peace for the government."

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The bill also would leave in place the state’s “use-and-file” method of setting rates, meaning companies would not have to seek advance clearance from state regulators before implementing rate changes. But it would require them to give consumers at least 60 days’ advance notice before raising rates by 10% or more.

The major sticking point for the insurance industry, however, was the provision giving the Department of Insurance authority to review and approve or modify rates after they are put into place.

Under the proposed language, if the agency found a company’s rates to be excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory, it would send the company a notice specifying the agency’s objections. Companies then would be allowed to defend their rates at an administrative hearing. But after that hearing, if the agency still believed the rates violated standards of the law, it would be authorized to order the company to rebate excess charges back to customers.

According to Martin, the industry’s main objection to that language was that there was no limit on how far back in time the agency could look in its rate review process.

“They can go back forever,” he said.

“We just believe that, in all of the negotiations that we had, for them to come in at the last minute with this type of language, of the changes that they made, was just something that we thought was really unfair,” Martin said.

The House and Senate have each been in session a few days this year, mainly to introduce new bills and to pass a few resolutions. But the work of the session will begin in earnest this coming week, starting Tuesday when both chambers will meet and begin holding committee hearings.

Pritzker is scheduled to deliver his annual budget and State of the State address to a joint session of the General Assembly on Wednesday.

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General Primary Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026, at the usual polling places in the various precincts in the County of Boone and State of Illinois, a General Primary will be held for the purpose of securing the expression of the preference of the party voters with respect to candidates for the nomination for the office of the:

REPUBLICAN PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY

TO BE NOMINATED:
UNITED STATES SENATOR
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE COMPTROLLER
STATE TREASURER
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – 11th Congressional District
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – 16TH Congressional District
SENATOR IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE – 35TH Legislative District
SENATOR IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE – 45TH Legislative District
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY- 68th Representative District
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY- 69th Representative District
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY- 89th Representative District
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY- 90th Representative District
COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY TREASURER
COUNTY SHERIFF
REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS- Districts 1, 2, and 3
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT- 17TH Judicial District- 1st Sub Circuit (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. John S. Lowry)
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT- 17TH Judicial District 2nd Sub Circuit (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Eugene Doherty)

TO BE ELECTED:
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEPERSONS- 11th Congressional District
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEPERSONS- 16th Congressional District
PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS (One to be elected by each party in each precinct)

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BELVIDERE 1	COMMUNITY BUILDING – 111 W First St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 2	COMMUNITY BUILDING – 111 W First St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 3	COMMUNITY BUILDING – 111 W First St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 4	COMMUNITY BUILDING – 111 W First St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 5	COMMUNITY BUILDING – 111 W First St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 6	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 1255 W Jackson St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 7	BOONE CO CONSERVATION DISTRICT – 603 N Appleton Rd, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 8	COMMUNITY BUILDING – 111 W First St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 9	BOONE CO ADMINISTRATION CAMPUS/Board Room- 1212 Logan Ave, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 10	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- 221 N Main St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 11	BOONE CO FIRE DISTRICT #2 – 1777 Henry Luckow Ln, Belvidere (NEW LOCATION)
BELVIDERE 12	SENIOR CONNECTIONS- 2141 Henry Luckow Ln, Belvidere (formerly known as KEENAGE CENTER)
BELVIDERE 13	POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT (EAA HANGAR)- 5151 Orth Rd, Poplar Grove
BELVIDERE 14	VFW POST 1461- 1310 W Lincoln Ave, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 15	SENIOR CONNECTIONS- 2141 Henry Luckow Ln, Belvidere (formerly known as KEENAGE CENTER)
BELVIDERE 16	SWAN HILLS GOLF COURSE- 2600 Gustafson Rd, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 17	HAMBLOCK FORD/LINCOLN- 1800 N State St, Belvidere
BELVIDERE 18	CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH- 425 Riverside, Belvidere
FLORA 1	AMERICAN LEGION BOONE POST 77- 900 W Chrysler Dr, Belvidere
FLORA 2	FLORA TOWN HALL- 3100 Townhall Rd, Belvidere
FLORA 3	AMERICAN LEGION BOONE POST 77- 900 W Chrysler Dr, Belvidere
CALEDONIA 1	TIMBERLANE VILLAGE HALL- 2940 Charleston Ct, Caledonia
CALEDONIA 2	CANDLEWICK RECREATION CENTER- 1812 Candlewick Dr SW, Poplar Grove
CALEDONIA 3	CANDLEWICK RECREATION CENTER- 1812 Candlewick Dr SW, Poplar Grove
CALEDONIA 4	TIMBERLANE VILLAGE HALL- 2940 Charleston Ct, Caledonia
CALEDONIA 5	PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- 502 Orth Rd, Loves Park
MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER TOWN HALL- 20904 Grade School Rd, Caledonia
SPRING	SPRING TOWN HALL- 3150 Shattuck Rd, Belvidere
BONUS 1	BONUS TOWN HALL- 9015 Marengo Rd, Garden Prairie
BONUS 2	CROWN POINT BUILDING- 925 Belvidere Rd, Belvidere
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POPLAR GROVE 3	POPLAR GROVE VILLAGE HALL- 200 Hill St, Poplar Grove
POPLAR GROVE 4	POPLAR GROVE FIRE STATION- Route 173, Poplar Grove
POPLAR GROVE 5	POPLAR GROVE FIRE STATION- Route 173, Poplar Grove

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COLORS OF THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOTS TO BE USED BY THE RESPECTIVE POLITICAL PARTIES AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

REPUBLICAN	PURPLE
DEMOCRAT	GREEN

*NOTE: A Non-Partisan ballot is not available for this election because there are no referenda or public questions.

The polls of said Primary Election will be open continuously from 6:00AM to 7:00PM on March 17, 2026, at which the Unisyn Voting System, including OVO Optical Scan and Freedom Vote Tablet (FVT) will be in use.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2026 AMY E. OHLSEN, COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
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