



Request for Public Court Records – State of Illinois v. Sean Grayson (First Degree Murder – Sonya Massey)

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To circuitclerk@sangamonil.gov <circuitclerk@sangamonil.gov>

Dear Clerk of the Court,

I am writing on behalf of **Speak Out Illinois LLC**, a grassroots advocacy organization committed to government transparency and public access to information. I am not an attorney and am making this request as a community advocate and citizen engaged in civic reporting.

We are formally requesting copies of public court records in the matter of *State of Illinois v. Sean Grayson*, currently pending or formerly filed in Sangamon County, Illinois, in connection with the murder of Sonya Massey. Specifically, we seek the following:

1. Any **court orders regarding change of venue** or transfer of this case to Peoria County or another jurisdiction.
2. All **filed motions, responses, objections, or court rulings** related to the venue change.
3. The **case docket or register of actions** showing significant proceedings, motions, and hearing dates.
4. Any **upcoming court schedules** or trial dates relating to the matter.

These records are requested for public education and awareness regarding a matter of significant community concern involving allegations of government misconduct and systemic failures.

We respectfully request that any and all **fees associated with these public records be waived**, consistent with the principles of public access under **Illinois Supreme Court Rule 10** and the common law right of access to court records. Additionally, the **Illinois Clerks of Courts Act (705 ILCS 105/27.2)** provides that circuit clerks may not charge fees for inspection of records, and that fee waivers should be granted when the requester is acting in the public interest and not for commercial purposes.

If these documents are available electronically, we would prefer to receive them by email to expedite access and minimize costs.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request. Please confirm receipt of this letter, and do not hesitate to reach out if further clarification is needed.

In Peace,

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