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ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP MAN FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY IN 2017 STABBING DEATH OF HIS FATHER

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A Kane County judge has determined that a St. Charles township man was legally insane when he killed his father in August 2017.

Circuit Judge John A. Barsanti today found 23-year-old **John W. Shenko** not guilty by reason of insanity of the charge of first-degree murder in the death of 60-year-old Kevin Shenko.

Attorneys in the case, including Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Cullen, presented evidence that on Aug. 13, 2017, John Shenko stabbed Kevin Shenko multiple times, causing his death. When police arrived at the scene they found John Shenko on top of his father shouting, "die, die, die!" He claimed he was God and that he was killing Satan. Kevin Shenko's body had more than 100 wounds.

The Kane County Diagnostic Center conducted a psychological evaluation of John Shenko and determined that he is severely mentally ill.

Shenko will be transferred to a secure facility operated by the Illinois Department of Human Services where he will receive ongoing mental health treatment. According to Illinois law, Shenko can be held for up to 60 years.

The Kane County Sheriff's Office investigated the case.

John W. Shenko, Age 24 (d.o.b. 2-1-1995), of the 7N block of Longridge Road, St. Charles Township