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### **STATEMENT FROM KANE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JOE McMAHON REGARDING ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT DECISION ON MARK DOWNS**

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"We are, first and foremost, pleased for Nico Contreras' family and friends that the Illinois Supreme Court agreed with our position.

"We appreciate the thorough work of the prosecution team of Sal LoPiccolo and Mark Stajdohar from our office, and the team of Joan Kripke and the late Jay Hoffman of the Office of the Illinois State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor, and Assistant Attorneys General Michael Glick and Katherine Doersch. Thanks to Aurora Police Chief Greg Thomas and his team for their hard work, perseverance and patience since Nico was murdered nearly 19 years ago when he was only six years old.

"Throughout this appeal process we have remained focused on justice for Nico, who would now be 24 years old, justice for his family, and justice for his community, which was galvanized by his murder to begin to put an end to the senseless gang violence that had plagued the city of Aurora for far too long.

"This case has been returned to the Illinois Appellate Court Second District for some remaining issues, and those issues will be addressed in court."

*- Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon*