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### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM KAITSCHUK'S RESPONSE TO SANGAMON COUNTY SONYA MASSEY TRAGIC EVENT**

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association would first like to offer our prayers and sympathies to the Massey Family and all those affected by this tragic event. Sheriffs and all members of law enforcement have a duty to serve and protect all of our citizens. We work every call, every shift, every day to work to keep our communities safe and be responsible to the public that puts its trust in us. This video does not depict how we are taught and trained to handle encounters of this nature. There is no disputing this tragic event, but when anyone, including members of law enforcement, takes such egregious action they must be held accountable. We have already seen decisive action taken by our criminal justice system to bring charges against the deputy. We pledge to continue collaboration with our communities and achieving strategies that reflect those partnerships and bring safer communities for all neighborhoods.

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