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WICHITA, KAN. – “During a seven day span in December of 2000, our community was shaken by unspeakable acts of violence committed against seven separate victims: Andrew Schreiber, Linda “Ann” Walenta, Jason Befort, Heather Mueller, Aaron Sander, Brad Heyka and H.G. In 2002, a jury of Sedgwick County citizens determined the two men responsible for these crimes should be put to death.

Today, the Kansas Supreme Court upheld the convictions of Reginald and Jonathan Carr on one count each of capital murder. The State retains the ability to re-try the penalty phase for these counts and seek the death penalty again against each defendant.

The court also upheld the convictions for many of the other crimes for which they were each convicted. Specifically, Reginald Carr remains convicted of 32 crimes. Jonathan Carr remains convicted of 25 crimes.

The result of the decision by the Supreme Court creates one certainty: Jonathan and Reginald Carr will not be released from prison. The conviction for capital murder for each defendant carries with it a life sentence.

The questions which remain after the Supreme Court’s decision are many. One question is whether these defendants will be re-sentenced to death. This office is committed to upholding the law and ensuring the safety of the citizens of Sedgwick County. The jury did not take lightly its recommendation that a death sentence be imposed, nor will this office.

In the coming weeks, we will communicate with the victims and families of the victims, we will review the entire 400-plus page decisions, and we will proceed accordingly.”

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