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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING BREONNA TAYLOR

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today issued the following statement in response to the Kentucky grand jury decision regarding the death of Breonna Taylor.

“While I am not privy to the specifics of Kentucky’s grand jury investigation, one thing is indisputable: Breonna Taylor should still be alive. There must be full accountability that is based upon appropriate application of the law to the specific facts surrounding her death.

“It is also clear that the circumstances of her death shed light on the use of law enforcement policies and procedures that could lead to unnecessary confrontations, serious harm of innocent people, and ultimately, the unjust loss of life. My office is engaged in advocating for policies and practices that protect against ‘wrong raids’ that could result in unneeded deadly conflict. These types of reforms are critical to preventing future tragedies.

“I understand the outrage surrounding this unnecessary tragedy, and I share it. It is understandable that people in Illinois and across the nation want to gather to express their grief and discontent, and to call for change. They have a constitutional right to do so peacefully. By no means should decisions made by authorities or the grand jury in Kentucky be used as license to commit acts of violence or destruction in Illinois.”