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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL AND VERMILION COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY LACY: DANVILLE  
WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR MURDER**

**Chicago** — Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy today announced a Danville woman was sentenced to 50 years in prison for the murder of her wife.

In October, a Vermilion County jury found Shelley A. Murphy, 50, of Danville guilty of first-degree murder in the death of her wife, Daye Lynn Murphy, 61. Vermilion County Circuit Court Judge Nancy Fahey sentenced Murphy today to 50 years in prison

"As with this case, domestic violence too frequently results in fatalities, which is why my office is committed to ensuring that the perpetrators of domestic violence are held accountable," Raoul said. "Partnerships like that between my office and the Vermilion County State's Attorney's office are crucial as we help families receive the justice they deserve."

During a fight on July 22, 2018, at their home, Shelley Murphy struck Daye Lynn Murphy in the head, which caused brain bleeding and led to her death. Daye Lynn lay unconscious on the floor of their residence for three days, during which the defendant failed to seek medical attention. Emergency services were not contacted until July 25, when the defendant's sister called 911.

The Attorney General's office prosecuted the case in cooperation with the Vermilion County State's Attorney's office.

"Domestic violence offenders are some of the most dangerous and manipulative perpetrators that live in our community and my office while working with the Illinois Attorney General's office will do everything in our power to protect victims and bring the offenders to justice," Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy said.

Assistant Attorneys General Steve Nate and John Carroll handled the case for Raoul's Criminal Enforcement Division.