



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Cook County Courthouse Shooting

On behalf of the people of St. Louis County and the Minnesota County Attorney's Association, St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin offered his assistance on the night of the shooting which was accepted by Cook County Sheriff Mark Falk. County Attorney Rubin arrived in Grand Marais at 8:00 A.M. Friday to assist the Sheriff and the Minnesota BCA with the investigation and preparation for prosecution of the case by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office.

In a statement made today, St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin expressed:

"The tragic shooting attack in the Cook County Courthouse on Thursday reflects the sad reality that we live in a dangerous and too often violent world.

Our hearts go out to the victims and their families. Attacks on our fellow citizens are all too frequent and horrendous, but a violent attack on a fellow prosecutor who is simply doing his or her job of seeking justice in the name of the people is absolutely unconscionable. This is an assault striking at the heart of our system of justice. The County Attorneys of every County in Minnesota stand together in support of our fellow prosecutors and all the victims of this attack.

This tragedy is only outweighed by the incredible heroism of those involved. We cannot offer enough of our prayers, supportive thoughts, and assistance during these difficult times."

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