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Attorney General Bruning Comments on Court's Affirmation of Life Sentence

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning issued the following statement today on the State Supreme Court's affirming of Francis Seberger's life sentence in the 1997 slaying of his wife.

"Francis Seberger made a deliberate plan to kill his wife in this horrific manner," Bruning said. "He deserves to spend the rest of his life in prison. His actions were cruel and gruesome"

Francis Seberger was convicted of First-Degree Murder for dousing his estranged wife, Debra, with gasoline and lighting her on fire on May 31, 1997. She died a month later of her injuries.

Witnesses reported that an agitated Francis Seberger filled a gas can at a nearby convenience store shortly before going to the home he had shared with Debra Seberger. Shortly thereafter, a neighbor witnessed Debra Seberger run from the home screaming and on fire. She later told rescue personnel that Francis Seberger had lit her on fire.

A police dashboard camera captured the aftermath of Francis Seberger's attack.

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