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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Sangamon County State's Attorney John Schmidt announced today the review into Senator Roland Burris' testimony before the House Special Investigative Committee is complete. There is insufficient evidence to charge Senator Burris with Perjury.**

The Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office announced today there is insufficient evidence to charge Senator Roland Burris with perjury for his testimony before the Illinois House Special Investigative Committee. In a letter (copy attached) to Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, the state's attorney's office explained the reasons why there is insufficient evidence.

Under Illinois law an individual commits perjury when under oath he knowingly makes a false statement. A review of the evidence, consisting of numerous interviews and documents, indicates there is insufficient evidence to prove Senator Burris made a statement he knew to be false. Some of his statements were vague, but vague statements cannot support a perjury charge.

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Schmidt thanked everyone for their cooperation with the investigation, including both caucuses of the Illinois House, Senator Richard Durbin, and Patrick Fitzgerald, United State's Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.