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## WILLIAMSON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

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Dear Williamson County Residents,

For the past 7 1/2 years I have served as the Williamson County State's Attorney. Holding this position has been one of the proudest achievements of my career. I am forever grateful to the voters who instilled their trust and confidence in me and the opportunity to serve the public.

For these reasons, and in recognition that it is my obligation to be transparent, I am devastated to share a failure on my part that has caused me to personally let you down.

Last night I was operating a motor vehicle in Williamson County while traveling home from a friend's house after consuming alcohol. While firmly believing that I was not impaired and that I was capable of driving, my professional experience should have told me otherwise. While traveling, I was stopped by an Illinois State Trooper for speeding and subsequently cited for driving under the influence of alcohol. I am thankful that my actions did not result in injury to anyone, but I am ashamed and embarrassed as a result.

I have made the decision to accept responsibility for my actions and I will not be contesting charges which will ultimately be handled by a special prosecutor. To be clear, I will be pleading guilty and accepting the same penalties that any member of the public would receive. I fully believe and support our legal system and do not condone any special treatment for myself in these unusual circumstances.

I extend a sincere apology to the Illinois State Police whose Trooper had the difficult task of being forced to deal with my indiscretion. That Trooper displayed impeccable professionalism. I further apologize to all law enforcement and the public. You placed your trust in me and I let you down.

I am hopeful that in the future I am allowed to demonstrate the judgment that I more often display and over time can again regain your trust.

Respectfully,

Brandon Zanotti