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### **IMPROVING VICTIM ADVOCACY**

Michelle Courier, the State's Attorney of Boone County, is pleased to announce that Ashley Graham has recently joined the office as a victim advocate. Ms. Graham's position has been available as a result of a grant acquired from the Illinois Attorney General's Office. The position has helped the victims of crime by affording the State's Attorney's Office the ability to better communicate with victims as well as witnesses regarding the status of pending cases and recovery of restitution.

Ashley Graham is a graduate from the University of Illinois with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology and has had extensive coursework in identifying individual's psychological needs as well as providing counseling.