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## Pot smell not reason enough for car search

Illinois Supreme Court rules odor alone doesn't create probable cause

By Robert McCoppin  
Chicago Tribune

Reversing a previous ruling from before the legalization of marijuana, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the smell of burnt cannabis alone is not enough to justify a warrantless police search of a vehicle.

The defense attorney in the case called it a victory for the constitutional protection from unreasonable searches — but police worried how it may impact their ability to enforce laws against drug trafficking and driving while impaired.

The ruling stems from a 2020 traffic stop of Ryan Redmond, who police said had an improperly secured registration on his license plate and was traveling 73 mph in a 70-mph zone on Interstate 80 near the Quad Cities in western Illinois.

State Trooper Hayden Combs said he smelled a strong odor of burnt cannabis coming from the car, prompting him to search the vehicle, where he found one gram of cannabis inside the center console in a plastic bag, according to the ruling.

The officer said he didn't smell marijuana on Redmond, who denied smoking in the car, and didn't see any signs of impairment. Redmond didn't produce his license or registration, and the officer said he gave evasive answers. He told the officer he was traveling on I-80 from Des Moines to where he lived in Chicago, along what police called a "known drug corridor."

Prosecutors charged Redmond with unlawful possession of

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## 'It's not who we are': Jury awards CPS student \$750K

15-year-old who was 9 when beaten at school now suffers from PTSD

By Sarah Macaraeg  
Chicago Tribune

By the time a federal jury delivered its verdict Wednesday evening, awarding Jomaury Champ's family \$750,000 in damages, the Chicago Public Schools student, who's now 15, had long left the courtroom.

On the last day of a civil trial focused on the beating he'd endured as a fourth-grade Tilton Elementary School student, Champ had walked out early in closing arguments, as lawyers debated the extent of his psychological injuries and the Chicago Board of Education's responsibility for the actions of his former home-room teacher, Kristen Haynes.

Among the facts not in contention: After Champ, who has attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder or ADHD, was repeatedly disruptive in her class, Haynes allowed her personal acquaintance, who was not affiliated with CPS, Juanita Tyler, into the West Garfield school at the start of a late September school day in 2018. Haynes brought Champ, then 9, to a bathroom with Tyler, and then left him alone with her there. Tyler, an estranged relative whom the boy did not know, proceeded to beat Champ repeatedly with two belts — which Haynes kept in her classroom.

Board of education attorney Brian Kolp insisted that "physically hitting children has never been a part of the culture at CPS,"

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### LA SCHIAZZA TRIAL



Former AT&T Illinois President Paul La Schiazza, center, leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Thursday after a mistrial was declared in his bribery trial. **TESS CROWLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

# Mistrial declared as jurors stuck 11-1

Intent of former AT&T exec in alleged bribery of Madigan cited as sticking point

By Jason Meisner, Rebecca Johnson and Megan Crepeau  
Chicago Tribune

A federal judge declared a mistrial Thursday after a jury apparently deadlocked 11-1 on charges alleging former AT&T Illinois boss Paul La Schiazza bribed House Speaker Michael Madigan.

The panel was overwhelmingly leaning toward a conviction, one juror told the Tribune. But the mistrial still leaves a

significant unknown about the strength of some of the prosecution's evidence as Madigan heads to trial in less than three weeks.

Discussions had been respectful and flexible, with people changing their minds over the course of the deliberations, and ultimately 11 jurors voted to convict, juror Jocelyn Duran told the Tribune.

One holdout was not convinced. That person said there was nothing that could change their mind, according to Duran.

"We all had a very respectful and great debate, and it is disappointing that we didn't reach a unanimous decision, but I think we did try," said Duran, 29, of Chicago.

After La Schiazza's trial was adjourned, a number of the jurors stayed to talk to the judge and lawyers from both sides, with the informal discussions being held both in open court and a nearby conference room.

The jurors who spoke in the courtroom could be heard saying a key sticking point was La Schi-

azza's intent. Speaking to the Tribune, Duran agreed that was the case.

"We spent a lot of time ... breaking down what constituted a conspiracy, what constituted a bribe, and particularly how do you determine whether somebody knowingly offered a bribe, or participated in a bribing," she said. "You know, this idea of intent or the defendant's mindset when he was going through all of this was, I think, a pain point."

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## Honoring Latino rail workers

Members of five families from Fremont, Michigan, listen in as the Mariachi band Los Palmeros perform inside the Great Hall of Chicago's Union Station on Wednesday. The band was on hand to entertain during an event honoring the legacy of Latino railroad workers at Amtrak and in Illinois. The Fremont families were en route to Montana. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

## Sox continue their downward slide

The Sox have perfected the art of losing. Can they avoid the most embarrassing moment in club's history? **Chicago Sports**



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## Shelter bed supply urged to stay same

Officials move to combine city's legacy homeless shelter system with the system for migrants. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

## Premier League soccer fan fest coming

Lincoln Park to host 2-day watch party for top British clubs

By Robert Channick  
Chicago Tribune

Get ready to channel your inner Ted Lasso, Chicago.

Thousands of soccer fans are expected to don their colors and descend on Lincoln Park this weekend to cheer on their favorite British clubs as Premier League Mornings Live brings a nationally televised two-day watch party to Chicago.

The fan festival, hosted by the Premier League and NBC Sports, which holds the exclusive U.S. television rights to the top echelon of British football, will feature nine large-screen TVs broadcasting 10 live matches on Saturday and Sunday morning.

The NBC Sports team of host Rebecca Lowe and analysts Robbie Earle, Robbie Mustoe and Tim Howard will broadcast the Premier League Mornings Live studio show from the event starting at 7 a.m. each day.

Special guests will include Premier League champion and

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