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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT

Springfield — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced that a Sangamon County jury has found a registered sex offender is a Sexually Violent Person. Following the verdict, Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge John Madonia ordered Jimmy Dudley, 48, to be remanded to the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS).

Dudley was transferred from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) to the IDHS Rushville Treatment and Detention Facility (TDF) in November of 2021. Last week, he was remanded to the Sangamon County Jail for the duration of the trial and will be returned to the TDF, pending a disposition hearing, now that he has been found to be a sexually violent person.

"I am pleased with the jury's verdict," Raoul said. "This offender has demonstrated that he is a significant risk to children, and this verdict will prevent him from being able to harm other children."

In 2019, Dudley was sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to possessing child pornography involving a 9-year-old girl who lived in the same house as Dudley. Additionally, in 2016 while residing in Florida, Dudley's step-daughter reported that he abused her on three occasions. Dudley was charged with sexual battery of a child; however, the charge was later dismissed.

Under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act, Raoul's office prosecutes cases seeking to commit offenders to the custody of IDHS. To be committed under the act, a person must have been convicted of a sexually violent offense and suffer from a mental disorder. Prosecutors must also prove that the offender is likely to commit future acts of sexual violence if released from custody. Once committed to IDHS, offenders are re-evaluated on a regular basis to determine if they continue to meet the criteria for commitment as a sexually violent person.

Assistant Attorneys General Agnes Bugaj and Steve Sallerson handled the case for Raoul's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.