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**ATTORNEY GENERAL: BARRINGTON MAN FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSING MORE THAN 900 GRAMS OF COCAINE**

**Chicago** — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced a Barrington man was found guilty of possessing more than 900 grams of cocaine, which prosecutors argued he planned to sell, and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

DuPage County Circuit Court Judge John Kinsella found William Lange, 57, of Barrington, guilty of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a Class X felony. Lange was sentenced to 15 years in prison and immediately remanded into custody.

"Partnerships between local, state and federal law enforcement are helping us prevent dangerous drugs from entering our neighborhoods and schools," Raoul said. "I am pleased with the judge's ruling and its impact on making our communities safer."

Raoul's office prosecuted the case following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs' Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). HSI officers saw Lange meet Victor Salinas at an IHOP restaurant in Schaumburg, where Salinas gave Lange a black bag and Lange gave Salinas a FedEx envelope. After seeing the exchange, officers searched the bag and the envelope, finding 3 kilograms of cocaine in the bag and \$39,000 in cash in the envelope. Salinas previously pleaded guilty to delivery of a controlled substance, a Class X felony.

"HSI is committed to stopping those who seek to distribute illegal drugs within our communities," said HSI Special Agent in Charge James M. Gibbons. "Let this sentence serve as a reminder that HSI will work around-the-clock with our law enforcement and judicial partners to bring drug offenders to justice."

Assistant Attorneys General Gregg Gansmann and Andrew Whitfield are handling prosecution of the case for Raoul's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau.