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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: ROCKFORD POLICE DETECTIVE PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announced that a Rockford Police Department detective pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography.

Joshua Grover, 46, of Roscoe, Illinois, pleaded guilty on Tuesday in Winnebago County Circuit Court to four Class 2 counts of possession of child pornography involving a victim under the age of 13. Grover's sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 15.

"Individuals who trade or sell child pornography are perpetuating the exploitation and abuse of children across the country and the globe. It is particularly abhorrent that any member of law enforcement, who is sworn to protect residents of their communities, would contribute to the victimization of children and their families," Raoul said. "I am proud to continue the partnerships with law enforcement agencies that are helping us hold these individuals accountable for their heinous actions."

Raoul's office is prosecuting the case with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's office.

Raoul's investigators, with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Roscoe Police Department, conducted a search of a residence Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 in the 700 block of Charlemont Lane in Roscoe and arrested Grover after discovering evidence of child pornography.

The case is part of Attorney General Raoul's work to investigate and prosecute child pornographers in Illinois. Raoul's office, with a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, runs the [Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children \(ICAC\) Task Force](#) that investigates child exploitation crimes and trains law enforcement agencies. The task force receives CyberTips, or online reports of child pornography, from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Over the last several years, CyberTipline reports have steadily increased; in fact, reports to the ICAC during 2021 increased by 42% over 2020.

In response to increasing reports of online child exploitation, Raoul announced a series of ICAC webinars aimed at giving parents, guardians and educators tools to help children and teens foster healthy online interactions. The free webinars teach parents and guardians about the social media apps children and teens may be using, how to identify signs that a child may have been a victim of online child solicitation, and more. To find out how to register for upcoming summer webinars or to view recorded webinars visit www.OnlineSafeOnlineSmart.com or email Karilyn.Orr@ilag.gov to be added to our contact list.

Illinois' ICAC Task Force is one of 61 ICAC Task Forces throughout the country and is comprised of a network of more than 285 local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and the task force covers 101 of Illinois' 102 counties. Since 2019, the Attorney General's ICAC Task Force has received more than 21,500 CyberTips and been involved in more than 203 arrests of sexual predators. Since 2006, the Attorney General's ICAC Task Force has been involved in more than 1,780 arrests of sexual predators. The task force also has provided internet safety training and education to more than 953,500 parents, teachers and students and more than 23,100 law enforcement professionals.

Assistant Attorney General Shanti Kulkarni is prosecuting the case for Raoul's High Tech Crimes Bureau. Assistant State's Attorney Kirstin Krivanec is prosecuting the case for the Winnebago County State's Attorney's office.