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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL CHARGES CHICAGO MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY THREATENED CHICAGO MAYOR, STATE'S ATTORNEY WITH HATE CRIMES

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced charges against a man who allegedly threatened Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx with hate crimes.

Christopher J. Tatlock, 32, of Chicago, was charged today in Cook County Circuit Court with two counts of threatening a public official, Class 3 felonies punishable by up to two to five years in prison, and two counts of a hate crime, Class 4 felonies punishable by up to one to three years in prison. Tatlock's bond was set at \$5,000. In addition, he was ordered to submit to electronic home monitoring, required to surrender his FOID card and all firearms in his possession. Tatlock is prohibited from having any contact with the victims or their families, and from using email under any circumstances.

"There is no room in our society for hate and violence, and we must condemn such actions in the strongest terms possible," Raoul said. "My office will work to hold accountable anyone who threatens the physical safety of any resident of our state – regardless of the position they hold."

Prosecutors allege that on May 4, Tatlock sent an email to Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx in which he threatened to shoot and hang her if she did not prosecute crime in Chicago. An investigation by the state's attorney's office found evidence of a similar email being sent to Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. Investigators, with support from the Chicago Police Department, were able to trace the emails to the defendant. Tatlock's next court date is May 20 at 9 a.m. at the Skokie Courthouse.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Assistant Attorney General Michael Falagario is handling the case for Raoul's Criminal Prosecutions and Trials Assistance Bureau.