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**MADIGAN: ALEXANDER MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD SEX
CRIMES**

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said an Alexander County man, convicted last year of predatory criminal sexual assault of an eight-year-old girl, was sentenced to 52 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).

Edward Buie, 57, of Tamms, was convicted last September of four counts of predatory criminal sexual assault, each a Class X felony punishable by a term of six to 30 years in the IDOC. Madigan said sentencing guidelines dictated that Buie be sentenced to consecutive terms for each of the four counts. Buie must serve 85 percent of the sentence under the Truth in Sentencing law.

Circuit Court Judge Mark Clarke pronounced the sentence yesterday at a post-trial hearing at which he earlier denied a motion by Buie's attorney for a new trial.

Buie is being held at the Tri-County Correctional Center in Ullin pending his transfer to the IDOC. He was arrested at his home in December 2004 by the Illinois State Police after an investigation revealed he sexually assaulted the child between December 2003 and April 2004. Buie also served prison time in Florida for a 1987 conviction for lewd assault of a child in that state.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant Attorneys General Neal Goodfriend of Madigan's Special Prosecutions Bureau and Vincenzo Chimera of the Criminal Prosecutions/Trials Assistance Bureau.