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**MADIGAN ANNOUNCES ALLENDALE MAN SENTENCED FOR
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that Thomas Perillo, 55, of Allendale, was sentenced on Tuesday, April 11, to 9½ years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) for Possession of Child Pornography with the intent to disseminate and 3½ years in IDOC on Possession of Child Pornography. The sentences will run concurrently. Perillo must also register as a sex offender and submit a DNA sample to the Illinois State Police Database.

Perillo was found guilty of six counts of Possession of Child Pornography with the intent to disseminate, a Class 1 felony, and one count of Possession of Child Pornography, a Class 3 felony, following a bench trial in January before Judge Stephen G. Sawyer of Wabash County.

Perillo was running a child pornography file server out of his mother’s home using Internet Relay Chat (IRC). The investigation originated as a tip reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and investigated by the Illinois State Police (ISP). ISP Trooper Mark McAmish was conducting an undercover operation into the use of the Internet to distribute child pornography and monitored chat rooms on IRC dedicated to the trading of child pornography. McAmish downloaded several images of child pornography from a file server operated by Perillo. He subsequently identified the location of the file server and executed a search warrant on the residence of Perillo’s mother, where the file server was located. A forensic examination of the server revealed additional images of child pornography.

Shawn Patrick and Jerry Taylor of ISP were also involved in this case.

Assistant Attorneys General Kyle French and Elizabeth Lepic of Madigan’s High Tech Crimes Bureau prosecuted the case.