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MADIGAN'S OFFICE CONDUCTS MULTI-CITY CHILD PORN SWEEP

Operation "We C U" Results in Four Arrests for Child Pornography Offenses

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced four arrests resulting from an extensive, multi-city investigation of trading in videos containing child pornography.

Madigan's High Tech Crimes Bureau initiated Operation "We C U" to investigate the dissemination of computer videos containing pornographic images of children ranging in age from infants to teens. During the course of the investigation, Madigan's office identified the Internet Protocol addresses of the computers that suspects used to offer child pornography videos for dissemination over the Internet. This week, Madigan's office obtained search warrants for the homes of four suspects.

Early this morning, teams of investigators from Madigan's office, working with local police departments, executed the search warrants, seized computer equipment and arrested the four suspects in Lisle, Naperville, Sterling and Morris.

"This investigation and these arrests are part of our ongoing work to protect children from exploitation. I want child pornographers to know that we see them and they can no longer hide anonymously behind their computer monitors," Attorney General Madigan said. "I have committed to using the needed resources to investigate and hold these criminals accountable for their crimes."

As part of today's operation, the following individuals were arrested and charged with Possession of Child Pornography, a Class 3 felony, punishable by up to 5 years in prison and Dissemination of Child Pornography, a Class 1 felony, punishable by up to 15 years in prison:

- Jarrod Harrison, 21, 313 Wauponsee St., Apt. 2, Morris, Ill.
- Dennis Milby, 61, 307 9th Ave., Sterling Ill.

A Naperville juvenile was also arrested and charged with possession and dissemination of child pornography.

Additionally, Gregory Anderson, 46, 5275 Westview Lane, Lisle, Ill., were arrested and charged with possession of child pornography, a Class 3 felony, punishable by up to 5 years in prison.

Madigan's High Tech Crimes Bureau and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) worked collaboratively with local law enforcement to investigate these crimes and conduct today's operation.

"This operation has been a team effort, involving the hard work, cooperation and assistance of many police departments and state's attorneys' offices. I want to thank all of these agencies for their excellent work," Madigan added.

As part of this investigation and today's arrests, Madigan's office worked with the following law enforcement agencies and state's attorneys' offices:

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Grundy County Sheriff's Department
- Lisle Police Department
- Morris Police Department
- Naperville Police Department
- Sterling Police Department
- DuPage County State's Attorney's Office
- Grundy County State's Attorney's Office
- Whiteside County State's Attorney's Office

"My office is committed to working with our law enforcement officers, both at the local, state and federal levels to protect our citizens, particularly their children, who are unable to protect themselves," said Grundy County State's Attorney Sheldon Sobol. "I commend the Morris Police Department and the Illinois Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for their efforts in developing the evidence to arrest Jarrod Allen Harrison."

"The Lisle Police Department is working aggressively with law enforcement officials from the Attorney General's Office to stop the distribution and purchase of child pornography shared over the internet," said Lisle Police Chief Michael Damico.

"The Naperville Police Department takes the downloading of child pornography very seriously through any medium of file sharing," said Naperville Police Chief David Dial.

The Attorney General's office, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, operates the Illinois ICAC Task Force, one of 59 task forces across the nation designed to investigate child exploitation crimes and to provide Internet safety education. In 2007, the Illinois ICAC task force provided internet safety training and education to over 20,000 parents, children and professionals and responded to over 575 cyber tips received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The public is reminded that these charges are merely accusations. The defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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