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ROLLING MEADOWS MAN ARRESTED IN ONLINE STING

Chicago - The Winfield Police Department, with assistance from Attorney General Lisa Madigan's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, arrested Martin Freedberg, 53, of Rolling Meadows. The arrest took place yesterday, Monday, March 17, at approximately 4:30 p.m., when Freedberg arranged to meet a person whom he believed to be a 15-year-old female. Freedberg had been communicating online with this person and had arranged a meeting to engage in sexual conduct.

Freedberg was charged with one count of Indecent Solicitation of a Child, a Class 3 felony, punishable by a maximum of five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Freedberg was taken to the DuPage County Jail and appeared in Bond Court today where bond was set at \$150,000. The DuPage County State's Attorney's office is prosecuting the case.

Madigan's ICAC Task Force assisted Winfield Police in the investigation including surveillance, the arrest, interview and seizure of computer materials following the execution of a search warrant at Freedberg's residence in Rolling Meadows. Madigan's High Tech Crimes Bureau will conduct a forensic search of two computers. Freedberg has been employed as an Illinois High School Association (IHSA) referee for junior high and high school sports for the past 28 years.

To report online child exploitation, please send an e-mail to illinoisicactip@atg.state.il.us or call the CyberTipline at 1-800-843-5678.

The Attorney General's office reminds the public that these charges are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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