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MADIGAN FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST CHICAGO WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS***Attorney General Seeks to Shut Down Company and
Get Money Back for Brides and Grooms***

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed a lawsuit today in Cook County Circuit Court against a Chicago wedding photography business for allegedly failing to fulfill to its contracts.

The suit names Franco and Tatum Lanzi Photography as the defendant and alleges that this company failed to deliver the promised pictures, albums and DVDs following the big day and also failed to respond to correspondence from clients attempting to get the finished products. Three wedding clients filed consumer complaints with the Attorney General's office and eight with the Better Business Bureau, citing a total loss of \$30,000.

"There is no justification for accepting money and then breaching contracts by failing to deliver the promised products and services," Madigan said. "This conduct is especially upsetting for couples who are trying to get access to their wedding photos. My office is committed to protecting consumers from this type of unscrupulous and deceptive conduct."

Madigan's lawsuit alleges that Lanzi Photography violated the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and asks the court to prohibit the company from engaging in the business of photography services in Illinois. In addition, the suit seeks financial restitution for consumers as well as a \$50,000 civil penalty for each violation of the Consumer Fraud Act committed with the intent to defraud. The suit also asks the court to order Lanzi Photography to pay the costs of the investigation and litigation of the case and to rescind the consumers' contracts.

Consumers who believe that they may be victims of consumer fraud can download a consumer complaint form at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers or call the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at one of the following numbers:

Chicago 1-800-386-5438

Springfield 1-800-243-0618

Carbondale: 1-800-243-0607

Spanish-language Hotline: 1-866-310-8398

Assistant Attorney General Katrina Wanzer Derhake is handling the case for Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau.

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