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MADIGAN: JO DAVIESS COUNTY JURY FINDS DAVID DAMM GUILTY IN MURDER OF THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD IOWA GIRL

Chicago — Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has announced that late this afternoon a Jo Daviess County jury found David Andrew Damm guilty of all charges in the October 2006 death of Donnisha Hill, a thirteen-year-old Iowa girl he had been sexually abusing.

Damm was charged with first degree murder, aggravated kidnapping and conspiracy to commit first degree murder. Attorney General Madigan's office provided investigative assistance and prosecuted the case at the request of Jo Daviess States Attorney Terry Kurt.

"We are pleased that the jury has found David Andrew Damm guilty on all charges," said Attorney General Madigan. "We hope this verdict will bring a sense of peace to the family of Donnisha Hill and help ensure that justice will be served."

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty on three eligibility factors - murder for hire; killing a witness in a criminal investigation; and murder committed in a cold calculated premeditated manner that resulted in the death. The eligibility phase of the trial begins on Tuesday, October 14.

Assistant Attorney General Richard Schwind, chief of Madigan's Criminal Enforcement Division and Assistant Attorneys General Vincenzo Chimera and Steven Nate are prosecuting the case.

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