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MADIGAN OBTAINS COURT ORDER REVOKING CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT OFFENDER

Discovery of Pornography Stored on Cell Phone Leads to Revocation

Chicago - Attorney General Lisa Madigan was successful in obtaining a court order to return a Massac County man to Illinois Department of Human Services' (IDHS) custody after an investigation revealed that he possessed pornographic images saved on an unauthorized cell phone.

In 2002, the Circuit Court of Massac County originally ordered Larry Fisher, 47, of Metropolis, to be committed as a sexually violent person. In August 2006, the Court ordered that Fisher be released as part of a conditional release plan.

On October 20, 2008, Madigan filed a petition to revoke Fisher's conditional release based on allegations that earlier this month, Fisher possessed pornographic images on an unauthorized cell phone and purchased and operated a pickup truck without prior approval. The conditional release plan Fisher agreed to in 2006 included requirements restricting him from high risk situations and to limit access to potential victims, and included not possessing pornographic images nor owning or operating a vehicle without prior authorization from his management team. Fisher admitted to both violations of his conditional release in court on October 30, 2008.

Madigan said that Fisher's movements to and from his home and place of employment were closely monitored by his case management team and having access to the unauthorized vehicle impedes the ability of authorities to monitor his movements.

"When sexually violent offenders are released, it is critical for community safety that law enforcement make sure they are adhering to the court-mandated conditions of their release," Madigan said. "Mr. Fisher violated the conditions of his release, requiring the revocation of his release plan."

Fisher has been held in the Massac County Jail since he was detained on October 20. On October 30, 2008, the Court ordered the Massac County Sheriff's Department to transport Fisher to the IDHS Rushville Treatment and Detention Facility. Fisher will be eligible for review of his commitment in September 2009.

Fisher has an extensive criminal record including a 1995 conviction for aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a 10-year old girl. Senior Assistant Attorneys General Richard Rybak and Terry Kaid handled the case for Madigan's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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