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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN: WAUKEGAN MAN ADMITS TO BEING A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PERSON

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said that a Waukegan man admitted to allegations contained in her office's petition to commit him as a sexually violent person prior to a bench trial that was scheduled to begin Wednesday, January 21, in Lake County Circuit Court.

After Larry D. Kranz, 49, admitted to the allegations and waived his right to a trial, Judge Victoria Rossetti, ruled that Kranz must remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. The Judge set the case for a status hearing on March 10, 2009.

"This man's history of dangerous sex crimes committed against children makes it absolutely necessary that he remain in custody in a secure setting, receiving treatment, and not be released into the community," Madigan said.

According to Madigan, Kranz' criminal history includes a 2005 conviction in Lake County for Attempt Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault for which he was sentenced to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). In 1991, Kranz was sentenced to six years in the IDOC after being convicted of the sexually violent offense of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse of a minor under the age of 17. In 1980, Kranz was convicted of Indecent Liberties with a Child and received a five year sentence in the IDOC.

In January 2007, when Kranz was within 90 days of being released from prison, Madigan's office, which handles prosecutions of cases to keep sexually violent persons in custody, filed a petition for commitment. Kranz has been detained at the IDHS Rushville Treatment and Detention Facility while awaiting trial.

To be committed under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act, a person must have been convicted of a sexually violent offense and exhibit a mental disorder. Additionally, prosecutors must prove that the offender is likely to commit future acts of sexual violence if released from custody. Once committed to IDHS, offenders are reevaluated on a regular basis to determine if they continue to meet the criteria for commitment as a sexually violent person.

Since enactment of the Act, 232 convicted sex offenders have been committed as sexually violent persons. Madigan's office currently has an additional 152 petitions filed with the courts seeking commitment of offenders who otherwise would be released from prison.

Assistant Attorneys General Ari Telisman and Michael Kress are handling the case for Madigan's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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