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DuPAGE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CONVICTION

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan has announced that a Glen Ellyn man was sentenced today to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) after his conviction for Dissemination of Child Pornography, a Class 1 felony. The Attorney General's office co- prosecuted the case with the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office.

Robert Romanski, 27, was found guilty at a February 2009 bench trial before DuPage County Circuit Court Judge Blanche Hill-Fawell. The conviction does not allow for probation. Prior to the trial, Romanski also pleaded guilty to one count of Possession of Child Pornography, a Class 3 felony. The court also ordered Romanski to submit a DNA sample, pay a \$1,000 fine and register as a sex offender.

The conviction is the result of a joint investigation between Attorney General Madigan's High Tech Crimes Bureau and the Carol Stream and Glen Ellyn Police Departments. A July 2007 search of Romanski's residence resulted in the discovery of child pornography that led to Romanski's arrest and conviction.

"My office works with police and prosecutors across Illinois to identify, investigate and prosecute high tech pornographers who endanger our children," Madigan said.

Romanski is currently in the DuPage County Jail pending his transfer to the correctional system.

Assistant Attorney General David Haslett, chief of Madigan's High Tech Crimes Bureau, co-prosecuted the case with DuPage County Assistant State's Attorney Ken Tatarelis.

Through a grant from the Department of Justice, Attorney General Madigan oversees the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, with 104 partner agencies throughout Illinois. Illinois ICAC is one of 61 similar organizations nationwide designed to investigate child exploitation crimes and provide Internet safety training programs. Through February 2009, the Illinois ICAC task force provided Internet safety training and education to nearly 78,000 parents and students and to 6,401 law enforcement officers and prosecutors. ICAC also has responded to 1,402 cyber tips received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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