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MADIGAN, DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE CHECK

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that investigators from her office and the Danville Police Department conducted a compliance check on Thursday, August 6th, of 107 registered sex offenders in the city. The Danville Police Department is a member of Madigan's Illinois Sex Offender Registry Team (I-SORT) that conducts compliance checks to ensure sex offenders are living at the locations where they are registered and not evading detection by law enforcement officials.

"As part of our ongoing community protection work, we joined Danville Police in this effort to verify that sex offenders are properly registered and living at the addresses that they have provided," Madigan said. "To protect families throughout Illinois, it is critical that we conduct compliance checks like this one to make sure that sex offenders are following the registration laws and know that law enforcement is checking up on them."

During Thursday's compliance check, 14 officers from the Danville Police Department teamed with investigators from Madigan's office and found that 16 offenders were not in compliance with Illinois' sex offender registration laws. Attorney General Madigan noted that her office and Danville Police will investigate and work to ensure that these offenders are located and brought into compliance with the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act. Madigan reported that the compliance check revealed that 74 offenders were complying with the sex offender registration laws. During the compliance check, officers arrested one offender on multiple outstanding warrants unrelated to his sex offender status.

Seventeen offenders were not home when the investigators arrived. The I-SORT participants left notices to comply at the residences of those offenders. If an offender fails to respond to the notice by calling the I-SORT hotline within 24 hours, he may be deemed non-compliant with the requirements of the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act, which may result in the issuance of a warrant or other law enforcement action.

"Local law enforcement is required to conduct annual compliance checks of sex offenders and we appreciate Attorney General Madigan's assisting Danville Police in meeting that requirement that helps to ensure the safety of our children and the entire community," said Deputy Director of Police Doug Miller.

Attorney General Madigan created I-SORT in December 2003 to ensure greater compliance with the state's sex offender registration laws. Since then, I-SORT has undertaken comprehensive and ongoing efforts to improve the registration process and solve problems with the system. Led by Madigan's office, I-SORT members have conducted targeted raids and used tips from the sex offender hotline to locate non-compliant offenders, worked to improve the accuracy of the information on the sex offender registry and launched a public awareness campaign to publicize the importance of the registry Web site as a tool to protect families.

As of August 1, 2009, Illinois State Police records list 20,555 registered sex offenders in Illinois. Compliance with Illinois' sex offender registration requirements stands at 92.7 percent. Madigan said that when I-SORT was formed, 86 percent of Illinois' sex offenders were in compliance with the registration requirements. Madigan noted that while I-SORT members are pleased with this increase in compliance, they are continuing their extensive and aggressive efforts to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the information on the registry.

Interested individuals can access the Illinois Sex Offender Registry at www.isp.state.il.us and can call the Attorney General's I-SORT Hotline at 1-888-41-ISORT.

