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MACOMB MAN ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH RECEIVING, POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said that a Macomb man was arrested on federal child pornography charges after a search of his residence revealed personal computer equipment containing more than 300 files of child pornography allegedly sent and received over the Internet.

Attorney General Madigan's High Tech Crimes Bureau initiated the investigation and obtained a federal search warrant that resulted in the arrest yesterday of Roger L. McCarty, 62, of the 200 block of West Fisk, Macomb, by Macomb Police, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and investigators from Madigan's office.

"My office is dedicated to working with our local and federal law enforcement partners to expose and prosecute those who deal in child pornography," said Madigan.

The United State's Attorney's Office today charged McCarty with one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. McCarty appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge John A. Gorman. He is currently detained in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service awaiting a preliminary hearing and detention hearing scheduled for December 18th at 11 a.m.

Early last month, the Attorney General's High Tech Crimes Bureau determined that a computer with an Internet Protocol (IP) address assigned to McCarty was being used to receive alleged child pornography. Undercover investigators from the Attorney General's Office identified more than a dozen files containing images and videos of alleged child pornography that McCarty allegedly exchanged via the Internet.

The offense of receipt of child pornography carries a mandatory minimum statutory penalty of five years in prison and up to 20 years in prison. If the defendant has a prior conviction, the statutory penalty is enhanced to 15 to 40 years in prison. The statutory penalty for the offense of possession of child pornography is up to 10 years in prison. Both offenses carry terms of supervised release of up to life following imprisonment.

The public is reminded that these charges are accusations and the defendant is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. The Office of Acting U.S. Attorney Jeffrey B. Lang of the Central District of Illinois will prosecute the case.

According to the affidavit, McCarty also has a prior conviction in McDonough County for sexual based crimes.

Through her High Tech Crimes Bureau, the Attorney General oversees the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force with a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The Illinois ICAC task force is one of 62 similar organizations nationwide designed to investigate child exploitation crimes and provide Internet safety education and training programs. Through October 2009, the Illinois ICAC task force provided Internet safety training and education to more than 99,219 parents and students and 8,895 law enforcement officers and prosecutors. For more information about the Attorney General's efforts to promote online safety, visit <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/communities/index.html>.

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