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DuPAGE COUNTY MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan said that a DuPage County man was arrested Tuesday after a search of his residence turned up two laptop computers and two external hard drives allegedly containing images and movies with child pornography.

The Woodridge Police Department, assisting investigators from Attorney General Madigan's office, arrested Kenneth A. Garcia, 32, of the 7300 block of Woodward Avenue. He was charged with one count of Possession of Child Pornography, a Class 3 felony and is being held in the DuPage County Jail where bond was set at \$75,000 during a hearing this morning. Garcia will be arraigned June 7, 2010 in DuPage County Circuit Court. He was ordered to have no contact with persons under the age of 18 and not to access the Internet except for work purposes.

"My office is dedicated to protecting children and is committed to working with local law enforcement to investigate cases involving the possession and distribution of child pornography and bringing these offenders to justice," said Madigan. "I commend the work of the Glendale Heights and Woodridge Police Departments and thank them for their partnership."

The charge is the result of a five-month undercover operation by Attorney General Madigan's High Tech Crimes Bureau with the assistance of the Glendale Heights Police Department, as part of its affiliation with Madigan's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The department initially identified Garcia, a Woodridge resident, offering child pornography for distribution and forwarded its information to Madigan's office. Woodridge Police assisted on the service of the search warrant, interviewing the suspect and collection of evidence.

The DuPage County State's Attorney Office will prosecute the case. The public is reminded that the charges are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Through her High Tech Crimes Bureau, the Attorney General oversees the Illinois ICAC Task Force with a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The ICAC task force is one of 62 similar organizations nationwide designed to investigate child exploitation crimes and provide Internet safety education and training programs. The Glendale Heights investigator received high tech crimes training provided by Madigan's office. As of March 31, 2010, the Illinois ICAC task force provided Internet safety training and education to more than 122,000 parents and students and 10,117 law enforcement officers and prosecutors. For more information about the Attorney General's efforts to protect children from high tech crimes, visit <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/communities/index.html>.

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