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DUPAGE COUNTY MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said that a DuPage County man was arrested Thursday following the search of his residence where three laptop computers and an external hard drive were examined. Investigators found images and movies containing alleged child pornography on one of the laptops.

Addison Police, assisting investigators from Attorney General Madigan's office, arrested James Young, 24, of South Mill Road in Addison. He was charged with one count of Possession of Child Pornography, a Class 3 felony, and one count of Aggravated Possession of Child Pornography, a Class 2 felony. Authorities are holding Young on \$75,000 bond in the DuPage County Jail and will arraign him on August 16, 2010 before Judge Daniel Guerin in DuPage County Circuit Court.

"This case is an example of what can be done when local law enforcement and my office team up to locate, arrest and prosecute those who are involved in the possession and distribution of child pornography," said Madigan.

The charges result from an ongoing joint investigation by the Glendale Heights Police Department and Attorney General Madigan's High Tech Crimes Bureau with assistance from the Addison Police Department and the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. The DuPage County State's Attorney's 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 Internet Crimes Against Children (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. As of June 30, 2010, the Illinois ICAC task force provided Internet safety training and education to more than 135,000 parents and students and 11,425 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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