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## MADIGAN: NEW ARREST IN CRACKDOWN ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHERS

### *Will County Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges*

Joliet — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced today the arrest of a Will County man in her continued crackdown targeting the most active participants in downloading and trading child pornography on the Internet.

Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow joined Attorney General Madigan at an afternoon press conference to announce the arrest of Aaron Riley, 55, of Bolingbrook. The Bolingbrook Police Department also assisted in the arrest. Riley is charged with 10 counts of aggravated child pornography, a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). The initial investigation has revealed that Riley possessed one of the largest caches of child pornography so far uncovered by the crackdown.

"This is the 10th arrest in our aggressive effort to stop child pornographers in their tracks. This will not be the last arrest," said Attorney General Madigan, who first announced the crackdown in late August. "Every time that these criminals download and trade this despicable material, innocent children are victimized again and again. Working closely with local law enforcement, we will continue to methodically identify, arrest and convict those who choose to prey on our children."

Madigan said cooperation among the Attorney General's office, State's Attorney's offices and local law enforcement is essential to the success of the ongoing effort to crack down on child pornographers in Illinois.

"Technological advances have made it possible for dangerous predators to instantly access graphic images of child pornography," State's Attorney Glasgow said. "Law enforcement, however, is staying ahead of the technology curve. Police and prosecutors across Illinois are working closely with Attorney General Madigan to ratchet up the pressure on anyone engaged in the electronic trading of vile materials that target innocent children."

In late August, Attorney General Madigan announced a new initiative to find and arrest the worst child pornographers in Illinois using the unique identifier that each computer is assigned when it accesses the Internet, known as an Internet protocol (IP) address. Over the last month, more than 8,000 Illinois IP addresses were seen trading child pornography images and videos.

"Internet predators need to know that the technology they use to victimize our children is the same technology that law enforcement around this state will use to identify, arrest and imprison them," Madigan said.

Studies have shown that users of child pornography are more likely to also be sexual abusers of children. A total of 24,579 sex offenders are listed on the Illinois Sex Offender Registry, of which 81 percent committed a crime against a child. The Illinois Sex Offender Registry is located at [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us).

Along with this initiative to arrest child pornographers, Madigan also works with local and national law enforcement organizations to address Internet exploitation of children and women. Madigan's office, with a grant from the Department of Justice, runs the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, which investigates child exploitation crimes and trains law enforcement. Since 2006, Madigan's office has been involved in more than 300 arrests of sexual predators and provided Internet safety training and education to more than 128,000 parents, teachers and students and more than 10,000 law enforcement professionals.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court of law.

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