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**MADIGAN: ARREST MADE IN WILMINGTON NURSING HOME SWEEP**

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced today that an employee of a Wilmington nursing home was arrested during a surprise “Operation Guardian” compliance check.

Investigators arrested this morning an employee of Embassy Health Care Center, 555 W. Kahler Road, during the 30th compliance check conducted by Madigan’s office and partnering state agencies. Today’s arrest marks the 43rd arrest of nursing home employees and residents since the Attorney General launched her Operation Guardian initiative in February 2010.

“We will continue making surprise visits to nursing homes across Illinois to ensure nursing home residents and employees are abiding by the law,” Attorney General Madigan said. “Our goal with each Operation Guardian visit is to help provide a safe environment and better protect these vulnerable residents of our state.”

Attorney General investigators conducted the compliance check with assistance from the Wilmington Police Department and arrested Jameke Glover, 21, on an outstanding and active warrant for retail theft.

Madigan’s Operation Guardian nursing home compliance checks give state and local agencies the opportunity to review safety and compliance issues. As part of these checks, the Department on Aging’s Long Term Care Ombudsman Program works to ensure residents’ rights are not being violated. The Department of Public Health conducts a compliance review of any identified offenders and any reported incidents in the last six months, and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation interviews administrators and performs a license check of all professionals employed at the nursing facility.

This initiative grew out of and expands on the Attorney General’s previous work to shut down south suburban Emerald Park Nursing Home when it was found to be housing numerous sex offenders and other felons.

Madigan has also successfully worked to protect nursing home residents by requiring background checks and criminal history analyses for all residents to identify those who might pose a threat to others. In addition, Madigan authored the Resident’s Right to Know Act that requires nursing homes to complete an annual report detailing the facility’s standard of care, service and security issues to provide better information to residents and their families.

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