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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN: KANKAKEE MAN RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT, DETAINED FOR TREATMENT

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that a Kankakee County jury today declared a former Kankakee city police officer a Sexually Violent Person (SVP) following a four-day trial this week.

Circuit Court Judge Ronald J. Gerts presided over the trial that began Monday in which the jury ruled that Alton Williams, 53, must remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Madigan's office handles state prosecutions of cases to keep sexually violent persons in custody.

"It is reprehensible that a one-time police officer committed devastating acts of sexual abuse against children," Attorney General Madigan said. "Because of the danger that he continues to present to the community, the jury agreed it is imperative that he remain in custody."

Williams left the Kankakee Police Department in 1996.

In 2003, Williams was convicted in Kankakee County of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child for which he was sentenced to a term of six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). His victim was 11 years old when the assault began. He was also convicted of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse of a 12- to 13-year-old victim. He was sentenced to a seven-year term in IDOC to be served concurrent with his earlier sentence.

To be committed under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act, a person must have been convicted of a sexually violent offense and exhibit a mental disorder. Additionally, prosecutors must prove that the offender is likely to commit future acts of sexual violence if released from custody. Once committed to IDHS, offenders are re-evaluated on a regular basis to determine if they continue to meet the criteria for commitment as a sexually violent person.

On May 20, 2011, as Williams was nearing completion of his incarceration, Attorney General Madigan's office filed a petition for Sexually Violent Person Commitment. Williams was detained at the Rushville Treatment and Detention Facility until trial. Following today's verdict, Williams was returned to Rushville and is set to appear before Judge Gerts for a dispositional status hearing on Jan. 19, 2012.

Since enactment of the Act, 315 convicted sex offenders have been committed as sexually violent persons. Madigan's office currently has an additional 176 petitions filed with the courts seeking commitment of offenders who otherwise would be released from prison.

Assistant Attorney Generals Donna Jo Maki and Kristal Rivers are handling the case for Madigan's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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