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MADIGAN: McHENRY COUNTY MAN CHARGED IN CHILD PORN STING

Springfield — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced a Lake in the Hills man was indicted Wednesday by a McHenry County grand jury on charges of Aggravated Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography as part of Operation Glass House, Madigan's statewide crackdown on the most active traffickers who download and trade child pornography online.

Robert Krusee, 70, turned himself in to authorities today following Wednesday's indictment on two counts of Aggravated Child Pornography, which is a Class X felony punishable by six to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), and two counts of Possession of Child Pornography, a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in the IDOC. Krusee is being held in the McHenry County Jail on \$150,000 bond.

"Child pornography is an insidious crime that victimizes the child each time it is viewed," Madigan said. "My office will continue to work with our law enforcement partners throughout the state to track down the most heinous offenders and ensure they are brought to justice."

Investigators with Madigan's office, working with the Lake in the Hills Police Department and the McHenry County State's Attorney's office, executed a search of Krusee's residence in the 900 block of Windstone Court. Evidence at the scene revealed computer files containing thousands of pictures and videos depicting alleged child pornography. The McHenry County State's Attorney's office will prosecute the case.

"We are proud to work with such professional law enforcement officers and look forward to continuing our collaboration as we go forward in prosecuting this case," said Michael Combs, chief of the Criminal Division, McHenry County State's Attorney's office.

Krusee's arrest is the 38th in Madigan's Operation Glass House. The public is reminded the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court of law.

"Our relationship with Attorney General Madigan's ICAC unit has been incredibly positive," said Mary Frake, chief of Support Services, Lake in the Hills Police Department. "The cooperation and assistance afforded to our department is very much appreciated."

Madigan launched Operation Glass House in August 2010 to investigate the most active and prolific child pornographers in Illinois. In the first year of Operation Glass House, Madigan's investigations revealed a disturbing trend of offenders trading extremely violent videos of children being raped. As a result, Operation Glass House has focused on apprehending offenders who are seen trading and watching extremely violent videos involving children, including infants and toddlers.

To track child pornographers online, investigators use the unique identifier that each computer is assigned when it accesses the Internet, known as an Internet protocol (IP) address. The ongoing initiative has benefited from a new law that Madigan helped write and pass in the General Assembly in 2011 which helps investigators track offenders and requires longer sentences when they are convicted. The law authorizes prosecutors to issue administrative subpoenas for Internet-related child exploitation investigations. By using administrative subpoenas, investigators can more quickly obtain the name and address behind an IP address and move the investigation forward, whereas before it could have taken investigators up to 60 days to obtain this critical information due to infrequent grand jury meeting schedules.

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 agencies. Since 2006, Madigan's ICAC task force has been involved in 539 arrests of sexual predators. The task force has also provided Internet safety training and education to more than

277,000 parents, teachers and students and 16,156 law enforcement professionals. Currently, 182 agencies are affiliated with the Illinois ICAC.

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