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MADIGAN: SCOTT COUNTY MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Springfield — A Scott County man is behind bars on \$100,000 bond after being charged with multiple counts of child pornography as part of Operation Glass House, a statewide initiative Attorney General Lisa Madigan launched to apprehend the most active offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

Jacob L. Carriger, 22, is charged with five counts of child pornography, a Class X felony punishable by six to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. He is being held in the Pike County Jail.

Madigan's investigators worked with the Scott County Sheriff's office and the U.S. Secret Service in conducting the search early last Thursday of Carriger's residence on Alsey-Glasgow Road near Winchester. Evidence at the scene revealed computer files containing pictures and videos depicting alleged child pornography involving a child under the age of 13. Charges against Carriger were contained in a criminal information filed by Scott County State's Attorney Michael L. Hill, whose office will prosecute the case.

"The images of infants and toddlers being raped are not a victimless offense. Every time one of these horrific videos is viewed, it perpetuates the crime and further scars these young, innocent children," Madigan said. "My office will continue to be relentless in putting a stop to this heinous crime."

"Fortunately, Scott County doesn't see many crimes of this sort. That being said, I will do all that is within my authority under the laws of the State of Illinois to see that our children are protected," said Hill.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court of law. Carriger is due in court for a first appearance Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

This is the 40th arrest since 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 young 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.

Madigan's office, with a grant from the U.S. 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 541 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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