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MADIGAN: BOND SET AT \$3 MILLION FOR BARRINGTON SEX OFFENDER ARRESTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Chicago — A Barrington man is in custody on \$3 million bond after being charged with multiple counts of child pornography as part of Operation Glass House, a statewide initiative of Attorney General Lisa Madigan launched to apprehend the most active offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

Corey Olney, 34, is charged with five counts of reproduction of child pornography, which a Super X felony due to his current status as a registered sexual predator on the Illinois Sex Offender Registry. The charge is punishable by nine to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). He also faces five counts of possession of child pornography, a Class 1 felony punishable by four to 15 years in IDOC. Also, for allegedly failing to register his online screen names, Olney was charged with violating the sex offender registration law, a Class 3 felony punishable by two to five years in prison. He is being held in the Lake County Jail.

"The epidemic of the child pornography trade impacts every community," Madigan said. "It is a horrific crime lurking behind closed doors in towns all across Illinois. My office will continue to be relentless in targeting the most heinous offenders who seek to destroy the lives of these young, innocent victims."

"Crimes against children, who cannot defend themselves physically or emotionally, are the most disturbing crimes that we investigate," said Lake County Undersheriff Raymond Rose. "Child pornography is a precursor to other violent crimes against children and we must be diligent in our efforts to detect, stop and arrest child pornography."

Madigan's investigators, with the assistance of the Lake County Sheriff, Barrington Police Department and the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, conducted a search Thursday of Olney's residence on Old Farm Road in the Deer Park section of Barrington, where he was arrested after evidence of alleged child pornography was located. Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim's office will prosecute the case.

"Child pornography has many victims. We will continue our work with Attorney General Madigan's office in a joint effort to aggressively seek out and prosecute these cases," said Nerheim. Nerheim added this arrest represents the first time Super X charges have been filed against a suspect in Lake County. The public is reminded the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court of law.

This is the 58th arrest since Madigan launched Operation Glass House in August 2010 to investigate the most active child pornography traders in Illinois. With a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Madigan's office runs the <u>Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children</u> (ICAC) task force, which investigates child exploitation crimes and trains law enforcement agencies. Since 2006, Madigan's ICAC task force has been involved in 710 arrests of sexual predators. The task force has also provided Internet safety training and education to nearly 333,500 parents, teachers and students and 17,193 law enforcement professionals. Currently, 182 agencies are affiliated with the Illinois ICAC.

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