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MADIGAN: CHICAGO AREA MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced charges against a Chicago area man for multiple counts of possession of child pornography as part of Operation Glass House, her statewide initiative to apprehend the most active offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

Harry Irvin Joslin, 28, was arrested Wednesday and charged with 10 counts of possession of child pornography, each a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). Joslin is being held in the Kane County jail on a \$35,000 bond.

"Child pornography is not a victimless crime. Every time one of these heinous images of a child being sexually assaulted is viewed, it perpetuates the crime and further scars these young victims," Madigan said. "My office will continue to be relentless in tracking down the worst offenders who trade these horrific videos."

Madigan's investigators, with the assistance of the North Aurora Police Department and the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, conducted a search of Joslin's residence early today in on Lilac Lane in North Aurora.

"Children depicted in sexually explicit images are victimized each time the image is viewed. With these victims in mind, we will continue to partner with the Attorney General's Office to remove peddlers and consumers of child pornography from the community," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

The public is reminded the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court of law.

This is the 60th 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 739 arrests of sexual predators. The task force has also provided Internet safety training and education to nearly 350,000 parents, teachers and students and 17,311 law enforcement professionals. Currently, 182 agencies are affiliated with the Illinois ICAC.

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