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MADIGAN: LAKE & McHENRY COUNTY ARRESTS IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OPERATION

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced charges against two Northern Illinois men on multiple counts of possessing child pornography as part of “Operation Glass House,” a statewide initiative to apprehend the most active offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

Madigan’s office executed a search warrant with the assistance of the McHenry County Sheriff’s Office and arrested Edward Marshall, 48, at his home in the 6700 block of Chillems Drive in Spring Grove. Marshall was charged with three counts of possession of child pornography, a Class 3 felony each punishable by two to five years in prison. Bond was set Thursday at \$3,000.

On Tuesday, investigators with Madigan’s office and the Round Lake Beach Police Department executed a search warrant and arrested Justin T. White, 32, at his home in the 300 block of East Shorewood Drive in Round Lake Beach. White was charged with two counts of reproduction of child pornography, a class X felony punishable by six to 30 years in prison; two counts of possession of child pornography, a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in prison; and two counts of violation of the Firearms Owner Identification Card Act, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail. Bond was set Wednesday at \$250,000.

“Child pornography is not a victimless crime,” Madigan said. “Every file posted online depicts a child, sometimes just months old, being sexually abused. This crime destroys the lives of these innocent victims and is only further perpetuated when it spreads online.”

These are the 63rd and 64th arrests of Madigan’s Operation Glass House, which she launched in 2010 to investigate and arrest the worst offenders trading child pornography online. The operation’s investigations conducted by Madigan’s High Tech Crimes Bureau have revealed a disturbing community of criminals who are trading and viewing extremely violent videos of children as young as infants being raped and abused.

The Lake and McHenry County State’s Attorney’s Offices will prosecute the cases.

“I commend the Attorney General’s Office for their efforts in combating this appalling crime,” said Lake County State’s Attorney Michael Nerheim. “One of my priorities as State’s Attorney is to work closely with other governmental agencies such as the Attorney General’s Office to make our communities safer for our children. In light of these most recent apprehensions, we want to assure the community that we are working diligently in order to protect the integrity and innocence of our children by removing these predators from our communities.”

Madigan’s investigators were assisted by the Round Lake Beach Police Department and the McHenry County Sheriff’s Office.

“We need to remain vigilant and continue to work together in our ongoing effort to protect our children,” said McHenry County Sheriff Keith Nygren.

“The type of investigations pursued by the Attorney General’s Office is of a very technical nature and not one that our department could easily undertake,” said Round Lake Beach Police Chief Dave Hare. “The Attorney General’s office has completed several investigations in Round Lake Beach over the last few years and they have all been completed in a very professional manner.”

In addition to Operation Glass House, Madigan leads the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) with a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The Task Force investigates child exploitation crimes and trains local and county level law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois to do the same. Since 2006, Madigan’s ICAC task force has been involved in 786 arrests

of sexual predators. The task force has also provided Internet safety training and education to more than 368,860 parents, teachers and students and more than 17,570 law enforcement professionals.

The public is reminded that the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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