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### **MADIGAN: KANE COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION**

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**Chicago** — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that a Kane County man was charged with disseminating child pornography as part of "Operation Glass House," a statewide initiative to apprehend the most active offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

Omar Rojas-Martinez, 27, of Aurora, was charged in Kane County Circuit Court with three counts of dissemination of child pornography, Class X felonies punishable by 6 to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), and 10 counts of possession of child pornography, Class 2 felonies punishable by three to seven years in prison. Rojas-Martinez is being held in Kane County Jail pending a bond hearing.

"When an offender downloads or trades these horrific images, it perpetuates the sexual assault of children and causes further devastation to victims," Madigan said. "We will continue to apprehend these offenders."

Madigan's investigators, with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Homeland Security Investigations, the Aurora Police Department and the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, conducted a search of a residence in the 300 block of Broadway Avenue in Aurora Friday and arrested Rojas-Martinez after evidence of alleged child pornography was discovered. Kane County State's Attorney Joseph McMahon's office will prosecute the case.

"Cooperative efforts such as this one demonstrate a broad yet unified commitment to protecting society's most vulnerable from those who prey on them. My office will aggressively prosecute these offenders, and our partnership with the Attorney General is critical to our efforts," said McMahon.

"Our work with the Attorney General and the State's Attorney is helping us protect children by catching these offenders and taking them off the streets," said Aurora Police Chief Kristen Ziman.

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

This is the 79th arrest since Madigan launched "Operation Glass House" in August 2010 to investigate the most active child pornography traders in Illinois. In 2010, the first year of the initiative, Madigan's investigations revealed a disturbing trend of offenders trading extremely violent videos of young children being raped.

As a result, Madigan's office 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 1,074 arrests of sexual predators. The task force has also provided Internet safety training and education to more than 500,900 parents, teachers and students and more than 19,400 law enforcement professionals.

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