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MADIGAN: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that a Madison County jury has found that a registered sex offender is a Sexually Violent Person (SVP) following a four-day trial.

Following the jury's verdict, Madison County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer L. Hightower ruled that Jerry McCabe, 63, of Granite City, Ill., must remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Following the jury's verdict, McCabe was returned to the IDHS SVP Treatment and Detention Facility in Rushville, Ill.

"This offender has a decades-long, disturbing record of horrific and violent sexual attacks against women," Madigan said. "I commend the jury for its verdict that will not allow this dangerous predator back into the community."

Under the Sexually Violent Persons Act, Madigan's office prosecutes cases seeking to commit offenders to the custody of IDHS. To be committed under the Act, a person must have been convicted of a sexually violent offense and suffer from a mental disorder. Additionally, prosecutors must prove that the offender is likely to commit future acts of sexual violence if released from custody. Once committed to IDHS, offenders are re-evaluated on a regular basis to determine if they continue to meet the criteria for commitment as a sexually violent person.

McCabe has previously been convicted in several cases for sexual violence against women. In 1986 he was convicted of aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed robbery and aggravated kidnapping for breaking into a woman's home at night while she was sleeping. After threatening the woman with a knife and sexually assaulting her, he took her from her home, restrained her with duct tape after she tried to run away and sexually assaulted her again. The police interrupted this offense and arrested McCabe.

In addition, in 1984 he was convicted of unlawful restraint after breaking into a woman's home at night while she slept. He wore a mask and sexually assaulted her after threatening the woman's daughter.

In Florida in 1980, he entered a plea of no contest to grand theft for breaking into a woman's home while she slept. Wearing a mask he sexually assaulted her, bound her hands and feet, and stole her television and a radio.

In 1978, he was convicted of attempted aggravated battery after he followed a woman who was walking home from work. He threatened her with a pipe, but the woman screamed and ran to safety.

Since the enactment of the SVP law, over 400 convicted sex offenders have been committed to the custody of IDHS. Madigan's office currently has an additional 191 petitions filed with courts around Illinois seeking commitment of offenders who otherwise would be released from prison.

Assistant Attorneys General Nicole Nelson and Anna Young are handling the case for Madigan's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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