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MADIGAN: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that a Lake County judge ruled a registered sex offender is a Sexually Violent Person (SVP) following a trial.

Lake County Circuit Court Judge Christopher Stride ruled that Juan McGee, 56, of Chicago, must remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Following the ruling, McGee was returned to the IDHS SVP Treatment and Detention Facility in downstate Rushville, Ill.

"The offender has demonstrated a pattern of sexually violent behavior, even while incarcerated," Madigan said. "The judge's decision will ensure he is not allowed to reenter the community."

In 1979, McGee was convicted of contributing to the sexual delinquency of a child and sentenced to four months in custody. While McGee was on parole in April 1980, a Lake County man reported waking during the night to find McGee standing beside his bed with his pants down, attempting to get into bed with the man and his wife. Later that night, he broke into the home of an 85-year-old woman and threatened to kill her in a violent sexual assault that left the victim with a broken rib. McGee was later convicted of home invasion, attempted rape, burglary and aggravated battery and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

While in the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections, McGee has been the subject of hundreds of disciplinary infractions, including sexual assaults of fellow inmates. He was also convicted of aggravated battery and sentenced to two years in prison to be served consecutively to his current sentence after assaulting a prison nurse who was administering medical care.

Under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act, Madigan's office prosecutes cases seeking to commit offenders to the custody of IDHS. Since the enactment of the SVP law, approximately 415 convicted sex offenders have been committed 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.

Assistant Attorneys General Andrea Kirch and Aimee Snow are handling the case for Madigan's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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