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**MADIGAN: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT**

**Chicago** — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that a Cook County jury found a registered sex offender a Sexually Violent Person (SVP).

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Steven Watkins ruled earlier this week that Luis Tenorio, 35, of Chicago, must remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Tenorio was returned to the IDHS SVP Treatment and Detention Facility in downstate Rushville, Ill.

Tenorio has a lengthy record of convictions for assaulting women and girls, including a recent conviction for aggravated criminal sexual abuse for grabbing an 8-year-old girl from her porch and sexually abusing her. Tenorio was sentenced to five years in prison for that crime.

“Releasing this offender would have seriously jeopardized the safety of women and young girls in the community, and I appreciate the judge’s decision to prevent him from reentering society,” Madigan said.

Under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment 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. Prosecutors must also 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 Christelle Perez and Andrea Kirch handled the case for Madigan’s Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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