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MADIGAN: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT

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

Following the jury's verdict, Peoria County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Lyons ordered Franklin Elmore, 67, of Peoria County, to remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Elmore was returned to the IDHS SVP Treatment and Detention Facility in downstate Rushville, Ill., pending a dispositional hearing on Dec. 6.

"This offender has a history of committing violent sexual assaults and releasing him would jeopardize the public's safety," Madigan said. "I appreciate the jury's verdict to prevent him from reentering the community."

Elmore has a long history of committing sexually violent crimes, dating back to the 1970s when he lived in Pennsylvania. Most recently, in 1994, Elmore was convicted and sentenced to 30 years in prison in Illinois for a series of rapes and sexual assaults that took place in the Peoria area.

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 Samantha Hodapp and Patrick O'Brien handled the case for Madigan's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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