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MADIGAN: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT

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

Following the verdict, Peoria County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Lyons ruled that Robert L. Monroe, 34, must remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Monroe was then returned to the IDHS SVP Treatment and Detention Facility in Rushville, Ill.

"I appreciate the judge's decision not to allow this offender to reenter the community given his history of sexual violence and lewd behavior," Madigan said.

Most recently, Monroe was convicted in 2011 and sentenced to 11 years in prison for raping a woman in the Peoria area. He was previously convicted in 2005 of public indecency and sentenced to 40 days in jail for exposing himself to a woman while peering inside her apartment. In addition, in 2002, he was convicted twice for public indecency for exposing himself outside an elementary school and for exposing himself to a woman outside her place of work. While in prison, Monroe received several behavioral violations involving lewd conduct and indecent exposure to correctional staff.

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 Haley Bookhout and Bill Bryant handled the case for Madigan's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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