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

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

Following the verdict, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Peggy Chiampas ruled Leroy Brown, 58, of Chicago, must remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment.

"The defendant has a history of violent sexual attacks upon women and girls and previously fled the state to avoid being held accountable for his crimes," Madigan said. "I appreciate the jury's recognition that allowing him to reenter society would greatly jeopardize the public's safety."

Brown has a long history of violent attacks on women and girls that date back to the 1980s. In 1984, Brown fled Chicago for Minnesota when he learned police were searching for him in connection with a rape case. Months later in Minnesota, Brown was sentenced to 11 years in prison for raping a woman at knifepoint. Brown was also convicted of a Chicago rape and sentenced to 20 years in prison in Illinois, which was combined with his Minnesota sentence. Most recently in 1996, Brown was convicted in Illinois of breaking into a neighbor's apartment and sexually assaulting a sleeping child who was under the age of 13.

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 Alexander Glenn and Christelle Perez handled the case for Madigan's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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