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MADIGAN: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT

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

Circuit Court Judge Robbin J. Stuckert ordered Carmen Thomas Protano, 58, of DeKalb, to remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Protano was returned to the IDHS SVP Treatment and Detention Facility in downstate Rushville, Ill. pending a dispositional hearing at a later date.

“This offender preyed upon children who trusted him, and he should not be allowed to reenter society,” Madigan said.

Protano was convicted in 2011 of sexually abusing his then 6-year-old niece while babysitting on multiple occasions over the course of approximately a year. Protano was sentenced to four years in prison and two years of mandatory supervised release. Previously, Protano was also convicted in Florida of two counts of battery against his daughter when she was between the ages of five and seven. Since his 2008 conviction, Protano has admitted to sexual offenses against other children.

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 David Kalicki and Aimee Snow handled the case for Madigan’s Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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