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MADIGAN: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT

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

Following the verdict, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Peggy Chiampas ordered Jose Montanez, 61 to remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Montanez will be returned to the IDHS SVP Treatment and Detention Facility in Rushville, Ill.

“This offender has a history of violent sexual attacks on women and fleeing Illinois in order to avoid being held accountable for his reprehensible crimes,” Madigan said. “I appreciate the judge’s decision that will prevent this violent offender from reentering society.”

Montanez was convicted in 1993 of murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault and concealing a homicide and sentenced to 40 years in prison for raping and murdering a young woman in Chicago in 1987. He buried her body in the basement of an apartment building where it was discovered after Montanez fled to California. He was not arrested until 1991 in California after he attacked and attempted to sexually assault a young woman in an apartment building where he was employed.

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 Mary Lacy handled the case for Madigan’s Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.

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