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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: PERRY COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**Chicago** — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced that a Perry County man was charged with possessing child pornography. The case is part of the Attorney General's ongoing work to apprehend offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

Timothy E. Hedrick, 40, of Cutler, Illinois, was charged in Perry County Circuit Court with five counts of possession of child pornography, Class 2 felonies punishable by up to three to seven years in prison. Hedrick's bond is set at \$200,000.

"Child pornography leaves victims and their families with lifelong scars," Raoul said. "My office is committed to working with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and local law enforcement to track down and stop the individuals who perpetuate these horrible crimes."

Raoul's investigators, with the assistance of the Perry County Drug Task Force – comprised of the Perry County Sheriff's office and the Du Quoin and Pinckneyville police departments – conducted a search of a residence Wednesday, March 3, in the 300 block of Center Street in Cutler and arrested Hedrick after discovering evidence of alleged child pornography. The Attorney General's office will prosecute the case with Perry County State's Attorney David H. Searby Jr.'s office.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The arrest is part of Attorney General Raoul's work to investigate and prosecute child pornographers in Illinois. Raoul's office, with a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, runs the [Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children \(ICAC\) Task Force](#) that investigates child exploitation crimes and trains law enforcement agencies. Since 2006, the Attorney General's ICAC Task Force has been involved in more than 1,760 arrests of sexual predators. The task force has also provided internet safety training and education to more than 951,600 parents, teachers and students and more than 22,900 law enforcement professionals.