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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: VERMILION COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced that a Vermilion County man was charged with possessing and reproducing child pornography as part of the Attorney General's ongoing efforts to apprehend the most active offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

David L. Crawley, 61, of Danville, Ill., was charged in Vermilion County Circuit Court with six counts of reproduction of child pornography, which are Class X felonies punishable by six to 30 years in prison and one count of possession of child pornography, a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in prison. Crawley's bond was set at \$1 million, and his arraignment is scheduled for July 9.

"There is no place in our communities for individuals who victimize children and their families by downloading or sharing these horrendous images," Raoul said. "I am committed to partnering with local law enforcement agencies, through the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to identify and protect the public from these offenders."

Raoul's investigators, with the assistance of the Danville Police Department and the Vermilion County State's Attorney's Office, conducted a search of a residence on Wednesday in the 900 block of Sunset Ridge in Danville and arrested Crawley after evidence of alleged child pornography was discovered. Crawley is a taekwondo instructor, and officials are encouraging residents who may have additional information to submit a tip to the <u>Vermilion County Crime Stoppers online</u> or by calling 217-446-TIPS (8477).

The case will be prosecuted by Raoul's office with Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline M. Lacy's office.

"Predators that traffic in child pornography will be held accountable for their criminal acts in Vermilion County," Lacy said.

"We appreciate the support of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which helps us protect Danville families from online predators," Commander Joshua Webb said.

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 1,600 arrests of sexual predators. The task force has also provided internet safety training and education to more than 921,000 parents, teachers and students and more than 25,000 law enforcement professionals.