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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL, WINNEBAGO COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY CHARGE ROCKFORD
POLICE DETECTIVE WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley today announced that a Rockford Police Department Detective was charged with possessing child pornography. The case is part of Raoul's ongoing work to apprehend offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

Joshua Grover, 45, of Roscoe, Illinois, was charged in Winnebago County Circuit Court with three counts of possession of child pornography, each a Class 2 felony punishable by up to three to seven years in prison. Grover's bond hearing will take place Friday, Sept. 24.

"Child pornography is a reprehensible crime that victimizes children and their families each time the images are downloaded or shared," Raoul said. "I appreciate the partnership between my office and State's Attorney Hanley's office, and I am committed to continuing collaborations with his office and other law enforcement agencies that are crucial in tracking down and protecting communities from these offenders."

Raoul's office will prosecute the case with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's office.

"In support of the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, our office has a dedicated sex crimes prosecutor - who aided in this investigation," Hanley said. "The work of the Task Force is unmatched and our active participation is further evidence of our office's tireless efforts to protect our community's children."

Raoul's investigators, with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Roscoe Police Department, conducted a search of a residence Thursday, Sept. 23, in the 700 block of Charlemont Lane in Roscoe and arrested Grover after discovering evidence of child pornography.

"Homeland Security Investigations is committed to protecting the most vulnerable among us—our children—from those who wish to exploit them," said R. Sean Fitzgerald, acting special agent in charge for HSI Chicago. "We will continue to work tirelessly with our state and local partners to ensure offenders are held accountable."

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 1,780 arrests of sexual predators. The task force also has provided internet safety training and education to more than 953,500 parents, teachers and students and more than 23,100 law enforcement professionals.