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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: MCHENRY COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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

Scott E. Pollack, 45, of Lake in the Hills, Ill., was charged in McHenry County Circuit Court with nine counts of dissemination of child pornography, Class X felonies; one count of possession of child pornography, a Class 2 felony; and one count of unlawful videorecording, a Class 3 felony. If convicted, Pollack faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 54 years in prison. Pollack will appear in court for a bond hearing on Saturday.

"Child pornography exploits the victims each time one of these reprehensible images is viewed or shared," Raoul said. "My office is committed to stopping the creation and spread of these horrendous images and will continue to partner with local law enforcement to help protect our children."

Raoul's investigators, with the assistance of the Lake in the Hills Police Department, the Wheeling Police Department and the McHenry County State's Attorney's office, conducted a search of a residence on Friday, Jan. 10, in the 5900 block of Lucerne Lane in Lake in the Hills and arrested Pollack after evidence of alleged child pornography was discovered. Pollack is a teacher and former wrestling coach at Holmes Middle School in Wheeling. Officials are encouraging residents who may have additional information to submit a tip to the Wheeling Police Department by calling 847-459-2632.

The case will be prosecuted by Raoul's office with McHenry County State's Attorney Patrick D. Kenneally's office.

"We are grateful for the Illinois Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) taskforce, the Wheeling Police Department and the work of our officers today," said Lake in the Hills Police Chief David Brey. "Cooperative efforts such as this are key in ensuring that we continue to do everything we can to protect our children."

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 1,700 arrests of sexual predators. The task force has also provided internet safety training and education to more than 935,000 parents, teachers and students and more than 25,000 law enforcement professionals.