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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER WHO ABUSED CHILDREN IN NEED  
COMMITTED TO TREATMENT FACILITY**

**Chicago** — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced that a sexually violent sex offender previously convicted of abusing vulnerable children at Mooseheart Child City & School will remain in state custody.

Kane County Circuit Court Judge Sal LoPiccolo ordered Chad Wahl, 52, to remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Treatment and Detention Facility for sexually violent persons (SVP) in Rushville, Illinois, for treatment.

"This offender abused his position of authority and violated the trust of the children in his care in unspeakable ways," Raoul said. "The judge's decision will prevent him from abusing other youth, and I am committed to advocating for child victims and holding offenders who prey upon children accountable."

Wahl was convicted in 1993 of sexually abusing six children during his time working at the Mooseheart Child City & School in Mooseheart, Illinois. Mooseheart was founded in 1913 to provide a home and school for vulnerable children. Wahl was employed as a houseparent at Mooseheart from 1990 until his 1992 arrest, and he was sentenced to 21 years in prison for molesting several boys under the age of 13 while they were in his care. When Wahl was in prison, officials confiscated contraband related to his pedophilic interests, including sexually explicit books, newspaper clippings, letters and a manuscript written by Wahl.

Under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act, Raoul's office prosecutes cases seeking to commit offenders to the custody of IDHS. Those offenders committed suffer from a mental disorder that makes them likely to re-offend in a sexually violent manner. 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 Elizabeth Cox, Michael Gambach and Alexander Glenn handled the case for Raoul's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.