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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL CHARGES COOK COUNTY MAN FOR POSSESSING AND INTENDING TO DELIVER METHAMPHETAMINE

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced charges against a Cook County man for possessing and intending to deliver more than 900 grams of methamphetamine.

Sergio Ibarra, 60, of Lyons, Illinois, was charged in DuPage County Circuit Court with one count of the possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, a Class X felony punishable by 15 to 60 years in prison, and one count of possession of methamphetamine, a Class X felony punishable by 10 to 50 years in prison. Ibarra's bond is \$500,000. Ibarra is also facing pending methamphetamine-related charges, which Raoul filed in 2021.

"I am committed to stopping and holding accountable individuals who traffic illegal drugs in Illinois," Raoul said. "I appreciate the investigative support from agencies, such as Homeland Security Investigations, which is essential to preventing deadly narcotics including meth from entering our communities."

Raoul's office is prosecuting the case following an investigation by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). The Attorney General's office charged Ibarra in July 2020 with unlawful delivery of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of methamphetamine after Ibarra allegedly delivered meth to an undercover HSI officer. The latest charges result from a search of Ibarra's residence during his arrest, where HSI agents located several bricks of what was later determined to be more than 900 grams of meth.

"HSI will continue to identify and investigate those who endanger our communities," said R. Sean Fitzgerald, acting special agent in charge for HSI Chicago. "We will continue our efforts to arrest and disrupt illegal activities like this one to keep our communities safe from the harmful effects of illicit drugs."

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

Assistant Attorney General Gregg Gansmann is handling the case for Raoul's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau.