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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL CHARGES ST. CLAIR COUNTY REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced the Attorney General's office has charged a Cahokia Heights, Illinois man with the alleged possession of child pornography. The case is part of Raoul's ongoing work, in collaboration with federal law enforcement agencies and local law enforcement officials throughout Illinois, to apprehend offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

Raoul's office, in conjunction with the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, charged Jamie Canter, 61, in the St. Clair County Circuit Court with 10 mandatorily consecutive counts of possession of child pornography, all Class 1 felonies. Since Canter is on mandatory supervised release for a 2020 conviction of aggravated child pornography, each charge is punishable by up to 4 to 15 years in prison and up to \$1,000 to \$100,000 in fines. Canter's bond was set at \$500,000. Raoul's investigators and forensics team assisted the Belleville Police Department in the 2020 case.

"I am proud of the work done by my investigators, along with federal, state and local agencies, to keep this repeat offender from exploiting other children," Raoul said. "The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force facilitates collaboration between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to ensure that individuals who take advantage of innocent children are held accountable."

Raoul's investigators, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office and Cahokia Heights Police Department conducted a search of Canter's residence Thursday, Dec. 1, in the 90 block of 82nd Street in Cahokia Heights and arrested him after discovering evidence of child pornography.

Attorney General Raoul's office will lead the prosecution of this case.

The public is reminded 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. The task force receives CyberTips, or online reports of child pornography, from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Over the last several years, CyberTipline reports have steadily increased. In 2021, reports to the ICAC increased by 42% over 2020.

Illinois' ICAC Task Force is one of 61 ICAC Task Forces throughout the country and is comprised of a network of more than 285 local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Since 2019, the Attorney General's ICAC Task Force has received more than 24,960 CyberTips and has been involved in more than 426 arrests of sexual predators. Since 2006, the Attorney General's ICAC Task Force has been involved in more than 1,858 arrests of sexual predators. The task force also has provided internet safety training and education to more than 965,579 parents, teachers and students, in addition to more than 23,295 law enforcement professionals.