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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: LAKE COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY  
POSSESSION**

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

Malay S. Vasavda, 45, of Lincolnshire, was charged in Lake County Circuit Court with three counts of possession of child pornography, which are Class 2 felonies punishable by three to seven years in prison. Vasavda's bond was set at \$750,000.

"Child pornography exploits and victimizes children, and I will do everything in my power to support efforts to stop the spread of these horrible pictures and videos," Raoul said. "I am committed to working with local law enforcement and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to protect our communities from these atrocities."

Raoul's investigators, with the assistance of the Lincolnshire Police Department and the Lake County State's Attorney's office, conducted a search of a residence on Wednesday, Jan. 29, on Robin Hood Court in Lincolnshire and arrested Vasavda after evidence of alleged child pornography was discovered.

The case will be prosecuted by Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim's office.

"I'm extremely proud of the work performed by the staff of the Attorney General's office, the Lincolnshire Police Department and our office," Nerheim said. "This is another example of how partnerships across law enforcement can work together to better our communities. We will continue to aggressively seek out and prosecute adults that prey on our children."

"The protection of children is of the highest priority for the Lincolnshire Police Department," said Lincolnshire Chief of Police Joseph Leonas. "This arrest serves as a fine example of the type of multi-agency cooperation necessary to bring these offenders to justice."

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 1,680 arrests of sexual predators. The task force has also provided internet safety training and education to more than 936,670 parents, teachers and students and more than 22,595 law enforcement professionals.