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LAKE IN THE HILLS MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Lake in the Hills, IL - On Friday, January 10, 2020, the Lake in the Hills Police Department assisted the Illinois Attorney General's Office along with the Wheeling Police Department in an ongoing investigation and subsequent arrest of a Lake in the Hills man who was charged with possession of child pornography.

Scott E. Pollack; M/W; 45 years of age; 5910 Lucerne Ln., Lake in the Hills has been charged with nine (9) Class X felony counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography, one (1) Class 2 felony count of Possession of Child Pornography, and one (1) Class 3 felony count of Unauthorized Video Recording. Pollack has been turned over to the McHenry County Jail and will have a bond hearing on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 8:00am.

Pollack's charges stem from the Attorney General Kwame Raoul's ongoing efforts to apprehend the most active offenders who download and trade child pornography online.

"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, and the Wheeling Police Department conducted a search of Pollack's residence today. Pollack was arrested after evidence of alleged child pornography was discovered. Pollack is a teacher and former wrestling coach at Holmes Middle School in Wheeling, IL.

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

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“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. Cooperative efforts such as this are key in ensuring that we continue to do everything we can to protect our children,” said Lake in the Hills Police Chief David Brey.

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.

Officials are encouraging residents who may have additional information to submit a tip to the Wheeling Police Department by calling 847-459-2632 or the Lake in the Hills Police Department at 847-658-5676.

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