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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ANNOUNCES LAWRENCE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced a Lawrence County man was sentenced to 30 years in prison for solicitation of child pornography and aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Glen E. Howder, Jr., 59, of Lawrenceville, Illinois, was sentenced by Wabash County Resident Circuit Court Judge Hudson after being found guilty to one Class X felony for solicitation of child pornography and two Class 2 felonies for criminal sexual abuse.

"Individuals who exploit and abuse children need to be held accountable for their horrific actions," Raoul said. "I will continue to partner with local state's attorneys and law enforcement agencies across Illinois to prosecute these individuals and keep our communities safe."

The investigation into Howder began in September 2017 after a minor victim disclosed to law enforcement the ongoing abuse by the defendant. A search of the defendant's residence in Edwards County led to the seizure of various electronic devices. Upon completion of digital forensic examinations, charges were brought in both Wabash and Edwards counties.

The Attorney General's office prosecuted the case with Wabash County State's Attorney Kelli Storckman.

"I am appreciative for the support the Attorney General's office gave to our office over the course of this case," Storckman said. "Their assistance – including the work of Deputy Bureau Chief Shannon O'Brien – was critical in obtaining this conviction."

Howder faces pending charges in Edwards County for possession of child pornography that was discovered during the initial investigation into allegations of sexual abuse.

Deputy Bureau Chief Shannon M. O'Brien handled the case for Raoul's High Tech Crimes Bureau.