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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ANNOUNCES VERMILION COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**Chicago** — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced a Vermilion County man was sentenced to five years in prison for possessing 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.

Cory Taylor, 29, of Georgetown, Illinois, was sentenced by Vermilion County Circuit Court Judge Mark S. Goodwin after pleading guilty to a Class 2 felony count of possession of child pornography. Taylor also will be required to register as a sex offender.

"Child pornography is an inexcusable crime that traumatizes victims and their families and impacts entire communities," Raoul said. "The law enforcement partnerships my office maintains through the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force are vital to tracking down and holding accountable those who perpetuate these crimes."

Prosecutors alleged that Taylor possessed child pornography involving a victim under the age of 13, which he uploaded to Google and Instagram. Taylor was arrested Jan. 16, 2020, after investigators from Raoul's office and the Georgetown Police Department executed a search warrant at Taylor's Georgetown home and discovered evidence of child pornography.

The case 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 fact, Raoul's office projects that reports to the ICAC Task Force during 2021 will increase by 26% over 2020.

In response to increasing reports of online child exploitation, Raoul announced a series of ICAC webinars aimed at giving parents, guardians and educators tools to help children and teens foster healthy online interactions. The free webinars, which began Oct. 7 and take place on the first Thursday of each month, will teach parents and guardians about the social media apps children and teens may be using, how to identify signs that a child may have been a victim of online child solicitation, and more. Interested parties should email [Karilyn.orr@ilag.gov](mailto:Karilyn.orr@ilag.gov) to register. Previous webinars can be viewed here and will be posted on the Attorney General's new [Online Safe Online Smart website](#).

Illinois' ICAC Task Force is one of 61 ICAC Task Forces throughout the country and is comprised of a network of more than 250 local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and the task force covers 101 of Illinois' 102 counties. Since 2019, the Attorney General's ICAC Task Force has received more than 14,500 CyberTips and been involved in more than 160 arrests of sexual predators. Since 2006, the Attorney General's ICAC Task Force has been involved in more than 1,780 arrests of sexual predators. The task force also has provided internet safety training and education to more than 953,500 parents, teachers and students and more than 23,100 law enforcement professionals.

Assistant Attorney General Shantikumar Kulkarni handled the case for Raoul's High Tech Crimes Bureau.