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

Chicago —Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced a Kane County man was sentenced to 20 years in prison for possessing child pornography.

Jeffrey L. Gwin, 59, of Huntley, Illinois, was sentenced by Kane County Circuit Court Judge John Barsanti after pleading guilty Feb. 8 to five Class 1 felony counts of possession of child pornography. Gwin also will be required to register as a sex offender.

"The trauma associated with child pornography is perpetuated each time one of these horrific images is downloaded and shared," Raoul said. "I appreciate the partnership of the Kane County State's Attorney's office and will continue to work with local law enforcement to protect Illinois communities from these offenders."

Prosecutors alleged that Gwin possessed child pornography involving a victim under the age of 13, which he uploaded to the cloud. Gwin was arrested June 25, 2019, after investigators from Raoul's office and the Huntley Police Department executed a search warrant at Gwin's Huntley home and discovered evidence of child pornography. Gwin was previously convicted of aggravated criminal sexual abuse in 1992.

The Attorney General's office prosecuted the case with assistance from Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser's office. Mosser's office had charged Gwin separately with financial exploitation of an elderly person. Gwin pleaded guilty to that charge in February and was sentenced Oct. 14 to four years in prison. That sentence and the sentence for Gwin's child pornography conviction will run consecutively.

"The possession of child pornography is not a victimless crime," Mosser said. "These children continue to be victimized every time someone views or disseminates these images and videos. I am grateful to partner with Attorney General Raoul and his staff to prosecute these matters. I am grateful to law enforcement for being diligent in investigating these matters to protect our children. My thanks to Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Amanda Busljeta for her work with the AG's office in prosecuting this matter. Thank you also to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Huntley Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations for their work on this matter."

Assistant Attorney General Shantikumar Kulkarni handled the case for Raoul's High Tech Crimes Bureau. Amanda Busljeta handled the case for the Kane County State's Attorney's office.