

May 11, 2021

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER RULED SEXUALLY VIOLENT

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced that a Kendall County judge has found that a registered sex offender is a Sexually Violent Person (SVP).

Following the verdict, Kendall County Circuit Court Judge John F. McAdams ordered Steven Casper, 61, to remain in the custody of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for treatment. Casper will be returned to the IDHS SVP Treatment and Detention Facility in Rushville, Illinois.

"After being convicted once of abusing the students in his care, the offender again violated the trust students and their families placed in him by continuing to abuse his music students," Raoul said. "I am hopeful the judge's decision will help prevent this individual from being able to abuse other Illinois children."

The Attorney General's office prosecuted the case with support with support from Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis' office.

"Prosecutions under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act help to protect those most at risk from becoming victims from these convicted sexual offenders," said Weis. "The coordinated efforts of the Attorney General's office and the State's Attorney's office once again show how working together can result in a safer community. I want to thank Attorney General Raoul and the assistant attorneys general for their hard work on this important case.

Casper was convicted in 1999 of criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual abuse and sentenced to 12 years in prison for sexually assaulting nine students receiving private music lessons from Casper. At the time, Casper was employed at a music store and offered private music lessons at students' homes in Kendall and DuPage counties, acquiring as many as 60 students. The victims' ages ranged from 11 to 16. In 1991 Casper was sentenced to five years in prison for sexually abusing several male students when he was employed as a school music teacher in Macon County. He was released on parole in 1993.

Under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act, Raoul's office prosecutes cases seeking to commit offenders to the custody of IDHS. To be committed under the Act, a person must have been convicted of a sexually violent offense and suffer from a mental disorder. Prosecutors must also prove that the offender is likely to commit future acts of sexual violence if released from custody. Once committed to IDHS, offenders are re-evaluated on a regular basis to determine if they continue to meet the criteria for commitment as a sexually violent person.

Assistant Attorneys General David Kalicki and Alexander Glenn handled the case for Raoul's Sexually Violent Persons Bureau.