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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS CHAMPAIGN MAN FOR POSSESSION AND DISSEMINATION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

CHAMPAIGN – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 5 arrested 28-year-old Dante J. Scott of Champaign, IL on September 9, 2024, for multiple Child Pornography charges. ISP conducted a residential search warrant in Champaign with assistance from the Champaign Police Department and Champaign County Sheriff's Office in reference to multiple Cyber Tips received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding child pornography. Prior to the search warrant, Officers took Dante J. Scott into custody and transported him to the Champaign County Jail.

On September 10, 2024, Scott was arraigned on eight Class X Child Pornography charges. His detention hearing is scheduled for September 12, 2024.

This investigation was a collaborative effort between the Illinois Attorney General's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Champaign Police Department, Champaign County Sheriff's Office, the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office, and the ISP.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Champaign County Crimestoppers.

Anonymous tips of child pornography can also be reported through the NCMEC CyberTipline at www.cybertipline.com. To keep kids safe online, learn more at: <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/onlineSAFE/>; www.cybertipline.org ; For resources for survivors of sexual abuse visit: <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/csam-resources> .



Dante J. Scott (M/28)

The charges are not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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