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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS MENARD COUNTY MAN FOR DISSEMINATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIALS

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 arrested 51-year-old Shane E. Guernsey from Petersburg, IL for Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X) and Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2).

On June 18, 2024, ISP agents initiated an investigation after learning a subject was possessing and disseminating child sexual abuse material. During the investigation, ISP agents assigned to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General Internet Crimes against Children Task Force gathered digital evidence indicating that Guernsey possessed child sexual abuse material at his residence in Menard County.

On September 26, 2024, ISP agents, the Petersburg Police Department, and the Office of Illinois Attorney General executed a search warrant at Guernsey's residence and placed him under arrest. Guernsey was charged by the Menard County State's Attorney's Office with the above charges. Guernsey is being held at the Menard County Jail.

The Illinois State Police provides resources for parents, for the public to report crimes against children, and victims to start their path towards healing and recovery. Anonymous tips of child sexual abuse and exploitation materials can also be reported through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) cyber tip line 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>.



Shane Guernsey (M/51)

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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