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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS CHRISTIAN COUNTY MAN FOR POSSESSING AND DISSEMINATING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIALS

TAYLORVILLE – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 arrested 61-year-old Phillip R. Windell from Taylorville, IL for Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X) and Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2).

On October 10, 2024, ISP agents initiated an investigation after learning Windell was possessing and disseminating child sexual abuse material. ISP agents assigned to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General Internet Crimes against Children Task Force gathered digital evidence.

On November 7, 2024, ISP agents, with assistance from the Taylorville Police Department and the Central Illinois Enforcement Group, executed a search warrant at Windell's residence and placed him under arrest. He was charged by the Christian County State's Attorney's Office with the above charges and is being held at the Christian County Jail pending his first court appearance.

ISP 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>.



Phillip R. Windell (M/61)

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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