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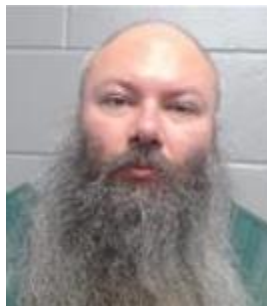
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS MORGAN COUNTY MAN FOR PRODUCING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 arrested 41-year-old Corey J. Lucas of Murrayville, IL for three counts of Production of Child Pornography (Class X Felony) and three counts of Possession of Child Pornography (Class X Felony).

In March 2024, ISP special agents initiated an investigation after learning Lucas possessed child sexual abuse material. During the investigation, ISP special agents assigned to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General Internet Crimes against Children Task Force gathered digital evidence indicating Lucas possessed and produced child pornography at his residence in Morgan County.

On January 10, 2025, Lucas became aware of the charges and made suicidal statements. Officers with the Morgan County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to check his wellbeing and found Lucas armed with a handgun. Lucas barricaded himself inside his residence and the Morgan County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from ISP. ISP SWAT officers and Crisis Negotiation Team members responded and at approximately 7:25 pm on January 11, 2025, Lucas was taken into custody and transported to the Morgan County Jail.

ISP provides resources for parents, for the public to report crimes against children, and survivors to start their path towards healing and recovery. Anonymous tips of child pornography can also be reported through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) cyber tip line at <https://report.cybertip.org/>. To keep kids safe online, learn more at <https://www.onlinesafeonlinesmart.com/>. Resources for survivors of sexual abuse can be found at <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/csam-resources>.



Corey J. Lucas (M/41)

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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