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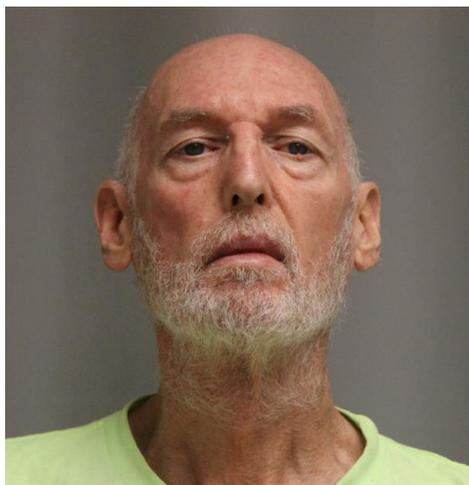
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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS STEPHENSON COUNTY MAN FOR POSSESSION AND DISSEMINATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

FREEPORT – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 arrested 66-year-old Steven M. Busiere of Freeport, IL for Possession and Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X Felony).

On June 26, 2025, ISP agents executed a search warrant at Busiere's residence in the 1700 block of East Shawnee Street in Freeport and collected electronic evidence. The evidence was analyzed and revealed child sexual abuse materials. ISP agents arrested Busiere and he was transported to the Stephenson County Jail. Busiere was charged with nine counts of Possession of Child Pornography and one count of Dissemination of Child Pornography. There is no additional information.

The Illinois State Police 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 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>.



Steven M. Busiere (M/66)

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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