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Illinois State Police Arrests Rockford Men After Child Sexual Abuse Materials Investigation Leads to Illegal Cannabis Grow Operation

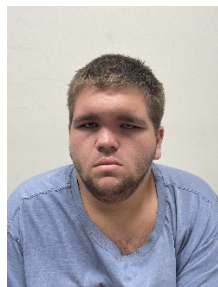
ROCKFORD – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 Special Agents arrested 20-year-old Noah T. Webb and 43-year-old Robert. L Webb, both of Rockford, IL, after a child abuse investigation led to an illegal drug operation.

In the spring of 2026, ISP and the Illinois Attorney General's Office Illinois Crimes Against Children Task Force received an online tip of child sexual abuse materials in Winnebago County. Officers began an extensive investigation and identified Noah Webb as a suspect. On July 16, 2026, Officers executed a residential search warrant at his residence in the 2800 block of Garfield Drive in Rockford. Noah was taken into custody on scene and subsequently charged with two Class 2 Felony and one Class 1 Felony charges of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Materials.

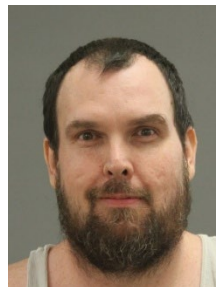
During execution of the search warrant, Officers located an illegal cannabis grow operation. Officers took Robert into custody. Robert was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Cannabis (Class 2 Felony). Both Noah and Robert Webb were taken to the Winnebago County Jail pending their first court appearances.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Freeport Police Department, South Beloit Police Department, and Loves Park Police Department provided additional assistance.

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 sexual abuse materials can also be reported through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) Cybertip 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/>



Noah T. Webb (M/20)



Robert L. Webb (M/43)

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

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