

# Joint Statement

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## CARPENTERSVILLE MAN FACES CHARGES FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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*RE: **Sergio L. Rivas**: Age 41 (d.o.b. 9-8-1981), of the 7000 block of Lowell Drive, Carpentersville, Illinois. Case No. 2023CF512.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser and Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain announce that **Sergio L. Rivas** is charged with the offenses of:

- Reproducing child pornography – victim younger than 13, Class X felony (2 counts)
- Possession of child pornography – victim younger than 13, Class 1 felony
- Possession of child pornography, Class 3 felony
- Failure to register as a sex offender, Class 3 felony

State's Attorney Mosser and Sheriff Hain allege that, prior to December 31, 2022, Rivas reproduced and possessed multiple videos and images of child pornography. In addition, Rivas failed to register social media accounts with the Carpentersville Police Department in accordance with the Sex Offender Registration Act.

The case was investigated and charged as a result of a collaboration between the Kane County State's Attorney's Office and the Kane County Sheriff's Office. This collaboration consists of State's Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office investigators, along with assistant state's attorneys with specialized knowledge in the investigation and prosecution of child pornography cases. Additionally, the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Internet Crimes Against Children's Task Force assisted with the investigation.

Kane County Sheriff's deputies took Rivas into custody on March 10, 2023, after a judge issued a warrant for his arrest and set his bail at \$300,000, with 10 percent (\$30,000) to apply for bond.

Rivas' next court appearance is scheduled for March 22, 2023, at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 313 at the Kane County Judicial Center. He remains in custody at the Kane County jail. If he posts bond, he is to have no contact with anyone younger than 18 years old.

The charges against Rivas are not proof of guilt. Rivas is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.