

## **Investigation Uncovers Over 1,500 Illinois Sex Offenders on MySpace.com**

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On January 14th MySpace.com, a popular online community among younger people, agreed with Illinois and other states to take more steps in protecting the children that use the site. Along with the announcement Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan released details about Illinois sex offenders excessively using the site.

Last year the site was subpoenaed to obtain the names and gather profile information of registered sex offenders that were using MySpace. According to Madigan's report, over 1,500 Illinois sex offenders have MySpace profiles and they logged into them over 200,000 times between February and April of last year.

According to Madigan, MySpace has agreed to create a task force to develop age and identity verification tools. They also promised to hire a contractor to compile a registry of e-mail addresses provided by parents who want their children's access to the site restricted.