

Chicago lawyer accused of harassing woman

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EDWARDSVILLE — A Chicago lawyer arrested and charged last year with criminal sexual assault, sexual abuse and unlawful restraint now faces charges of harassing his alleged victim and cyber stalking.

Meanith Huon, 39, was charged this week in Madison County Circuit Court with harassment of a witness and cyber stalking.

He is accused of contacting his alleged victim of last year via the Internet and communicating indirectly with her in such a way as to cause her emotional distress.

He also is accused of maintaining an Internet Web page or Web site to harass the victim or an immediate family member.

After being arrested last year for allegedly forcing the victim to perform sexual acts while driving on Interstate 55 in Madison County, he posted \$10,000 cash bond and went back to Chicago.

Authorities say **Huon** began posting comments directed at the alleged victim, telling her he loves her and claiming that God wants them to be together.

The postings include a wide variety of professions of love, along with religious references. As recently as July 17, he posted: "I haven't kissed anyone since you kissed me. I miss you. There's nothing I can do about it. I follow God's Commandments. I walk the line because I love you."

He also posted "10 reasons why I'd make a good husband for you." The No. 1 reason was listed as "God brought us together." The suspect also allegedly posted the words: "We'd have great kids. My brains. Your looks."

Huon was arrested in early July 2008 after he allegedly forced a woman to have oral sex with him, fondled her vaginal area and her breasts and refused to let her out of the car while driving on I-55 into Madison County.

The woman allegedly was lured over the Internet by the possibility of a job.

She told authorities she talked to **Huon** by telephone and got the impression that the job was promoting alcohol sales in area taverns. She met **Huon** in downtown St. Louis, and he offered to drive her to a local saloon to check out how the business was going.

However, they did not go to the tavern, and **Huon** instead allegedly sexually abused and assaulted her, Capt. Brad Wells of the Madison County Sheriff's Department said last year. The woman eventually jumped out of the car and contacted police.

Police found evidence on the most recent case by obtaining a search warrant for the company that

operates the Web site used by **Huon**. Once the evidence was obtained, **Huon** again was arrested July 19, this time at his home in Chicago, where he was being held Thursday in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

Huon still is awaiting trial on the original Madison County charges, authorities said.