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GILBERTS MAN CHARGED FOR FIRING MULTIPLE SHOTS FROM AK-47 TOWARD I-90 AT 2 a.m.

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A Gilberts man faces criminal charges for firing more than a dozen shots from an AK-47 rifle in the direction of the Jane Addams Tollway after he heard laughter outside of his home early in the morning.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 24-year-old **Steven Mendoza** with the offense of reckless discharge of a firearm, Class 4 felony.

Kane County prosecutors allege in charging documents that on July 28, 2019, Mendoza fired 14 shots from an AK-47 rifle in the air toward Interstate 90 and Illinois Route 72 at a time when his neighbors had 6-8 visitors in the yard.

According to Gilberts police the incident happened around 2 a.m. after Mendoza became upset when he heard giggling outside of his window. The intersection of Interstate 90 and Route 72 is in close proximity to Mendoza's home.

Mendoza appeared July 28, 2019, in Kane County bond court. Kane County Associate Judge Linda Abrahamson set name's bail at \$10,000, with 10 percent (\$1,000) to apply for bond. Judge Abrahamson ordered Mendoza, if he posts bond, to temporarily surrender all of his guns.

Judge Abrahamson set Mendoza's next court appearance for 9 a.m. July 31, 2019, in Courtroom 313 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

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

Steven Mendoza: Age 24 (d.o.b. 6-2-1995), of the 100 block of Park Court, Gilberts, Illinois. Case No. 19CF1507.