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OHIO MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER AFTER ROAD RAGE INCIDENT AT HAMPSHIRE TRUCK STOP JUDGE SETS BAIL AT \$750,000

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Bail was set today at \$750,000 for an Ohio truck driver charged with attempted murder and several gun offenses for shooting at another trucker Saturday night in Hampshire, Illinois.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 57-year-old **William M. Lutz** with the offenses of:

- Attempted first-degree murder, Class X felony
- Aggravated battery with a firearm, Class X felony
- Armed violence, Class X felony
- Aggravated discharge of a firearm, Class 1 felony, 2 counts
- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, Class 2 felony
- Criminal damage to property, Class 4 felony

Kane County prosecutors allege that at about 4:45 p.m. June 8, 2019, Lutz was at a truck stop on U.S. Route 20 in Hampshire when he began to argue with the victim because Lutz believed the victim's vehicle was blocking the road. Lutz went to his semi-truck and retrieved a .45-caliber handgun. The victim, of Pennsylvania, retreated to his semi-truck cab and climbed in. A passenger was in the front passenger seat of the victim's semi-truck cab. Lutz fired two shots at the driver's-side door of the victim's semi-truck. One bullet grazed the victim, causing bleeding. The other bullet struck the truck, causing damage. Lutz left the scene in his semi-truck, parked on the side of the road at Illinois Route 47 and Interstate 90 and consumed 30 pills in an apparent suicide attempt. Police found Lutz a short time later and took him into custody.

Lutz appeared today in Kane County bond call. Kane County Associate Judge Keith Johnson set his bail at \$750,000 with 10 percent (\$75,000) to apply for bond. Judge Johnson set Lutz's initial court appearance for 9 a.m. June 20, 2019, in Courtroom 217 at the Kane County Judicial Center in St. Charles Township.

If Lutz posts bond he is to surrender all firearms to the Kane County Sheriff's Office, he is not to consume intoxicating substances, he is to take prescription medications only as prescribed and he is to have no contact with the victims.

The charges against Lutz are not proof of guilt. Lutz 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.

William M. Lutz: Age 57 (d.o.b. 11-13-1961), of Midway, Ohio. Case No. 19CF1111.