

Office of the Kane County State's Attorney



JOSEPH H. McMAHON

State's Attorney

Kane County Judicial Center
37W777 Route 38 Suite 300
St. Charles, Illinois 60175

General Offices: (630) 232-3500
Contact:
Christopher Nelson (630) 232-3500

MAN FREE ON BOND IN ALLEGED ATTEMPTED MURDER CASE FACES NEW CHARGES ALLEGING GUN POSSESSION

April 14, 2020

A Waterman man who was charged in January with attempted murder faces new charges for allegedly possessing a gun in the vicinity of his intended victim's home.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 33-year-old **Frank E. Ryan** with the offenses of:

- Possession of a firearm – revoked FOID, Class 3 felony
- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, Class 4 felony, 2 counts
- Violation of bail bond, Class 4 felony

Kane County prosecutors allege that early April 9, 2020, Ryan was driving a pickup that became stuck in the mud behind a building in the 800 block of Hicks Drive, Elburn. Ryan was free on bond at the time for a January 2020 charge of attempted murder. The home of Ryan's intended victim in that case was visible from and in close proximity to the location of Ryan's stuck vehicle. After becoming stuck, Ryan called a tow service. The tow truck driver was suspicious about the location and called Elburn police, who found a loaded shotgun inside Ryan's vehicle.

Ryan was ordered to surrender any guns and his Firearm Owners Identification as a condition of bond in the January case. The Illinois State Police subsequently revoked Ryan's FOID relative to the January charges.

Prosecutors allege in the January case (20CF160), that early the morning of Jan. 19, 2020, Ryan rerouted a natural gas line by drilling a hole in the exposed gas line outside a Downing Street home and a hole through the home's exterior wall. He allegedly connected a tube to the gas line and placed the other end of the tube through the hole and into the home. Ryan purchased the materials used to commit his offense the previous day. Ryan also had covered a doorbell camera at the home with tape. Two people were inside the home. No one was injured.

In that case, State's Attorney McMahon charged Ryan with the offenses of:

- Attempted murder, Class X felony, 2 counts
- Criminal damage to property, Class 4 felony

- Reckless conduct, Class A misdemeanor, 2 counts
- Battery, Class A misdemeanor, 2 counts

Ryan posted \$20,000 bond on Feb. 19, 2020, and was released.

In the new case (20CF690), Ryan appeared in Kane County bond court on April 9, 2020. The judge set Ryan's bail at \$1 million with 10 percent (\$100,000) to apply for bond. Ryan's next court appearance is set for May 7, 2020, in Courtroom 217 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

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

Frank E. Ryan: Age 33 (d.o.b. 11-20-1986), of the 300 block of North Cedar Street, Waterman, Illinois, formerly of Batavia, Illinois. Case Nos. 20CF160 and 20CF690.