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### **ELGIN MAN CHARGED IN ALLEGED ARSON, ASSAULT OF POLICE**

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Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 58-year-old **David E. Bruce** with the offenses of:

- Aggravated arson, Class X felony
- Aggravated battery, Class 2 felony
- Aggravated assault of a peace officer, Class 4 felony
- Criminal damage to property, Class 4 felony

Kane County prosecutors allege that at about 4:45 a.m. March 25, 2020, Bruce entered a business in the 400 block of South McLean Boulevard, Elgin, and set numerous products on fire using a canned flammable fuel additive. Police arrived and immediately extinguished the fire. The officer then walked out of the business and attempted to speak to Bruce, who sprayed a flammable liquid in his face and eyes. Bruce then pulled a can of spray paint from his coat pocket and threw it at the officer, striking him in the shin. Another officer arrived in a marked police vehicle and ordered Bruce to get on the ground. Bruce refused, approached the police car, sprayed the flammable liquid on the hood and attempted to set it on fire. The officers then placed Bruce under arrest. The officer who was sprayed was treated at a hospital for exposure to the flammable liquid to his face and eyes, and then released.

The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information should call Elgin police at (847) 289-2600.

Bruce appeared March 26, 2020, in Kane County bond court. Kane County Associate Judge Julio Cesar Valdez set Bruce's bail at \$100,000, with 10 percent (\$10,000) to apply for bond. Judge Valdez set Bruce's next court appearance for 9 a.m. April 30, 2020, in Courtroom 311 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

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

**David E. Bruce:** Age 58 (d.o.b. 6-18-1961), of the 1-99 block of North Jane Drive, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 20CF621.