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### **BARTLETT MAN INDICTED ON ATTEMPT MURDER, HATE CRIME CHARGES IN JAN. 31 STABBING AT ELGIN BAR**

February 9, 2022

A Kane County grand jury has indicted 28-year-old **Jason M. Ostrego** for the offenses of:

- Attempted first-degree murder, Class X felony
- Armed violence, Class X felony, 2 counts
- Aggravated battery – great bodily harm, Class 3 felony, 2 counts
- Aggravated battery – deadly weapon, Class 3 felony, 2 counts
- Hate crime, Class 4 felony

Kane County prosecutors allege that, on the night of January 31, 2022, Ostrego was in a bar in the 1000 block of North Liberty Street, Elgin. Ostrego began to argue with an African American patron, directing epithets and racial slurs at him. Ostrego was asked to leave and escorted outside to the parking lot, where he continued to shout slurs. The patron went outside to smoke a cigarette. Ostrego saw him, stabbed him in the chest with a folding knife, and slashed another victim in the face with the knife. One victim remains hospitalized, while the other was treated at a hospital and released.

Ostrego was originally charged with armed violence and aggravated battery. On February 8, 2022, the grand jury added the attempt murder and hate crime charges.

Ostrego remains in the Kane County jail in lieu of \$200,000 bail. His next court appearance is set for 9 a.m. March 23, 2022, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The case remains under investigation by the Elgin Police Department. Anyone with information should call (847) 289-2600.

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

**Jason M. Ostrego:** Age 28 (d.o.b. 8-30-1993), of the 600 block of White Oak Lane, Bartlett, Illinois. Case No. 2022CF209.