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WATERMAN MAN FOUND GUILTY OF GUN OFFENSES

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Kane County Judge David R. Kliment has found 35-year-old **Frank E. Ryan** guilty of 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

Ryan waived his right to a jury trial and the case proceeded to a bench trial.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Lori Anderson presented evidence 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 \$20,000 bond at the time for a January 2020 charge of attempt murder. Ryan had been 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. The home of Ryan's intended victim in the attempt murder 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.

Judge Kliment set Ryan's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. March 3, 2022, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center. Ryan remains in custody at the Kane County jail.

The pending charges (2020CF160) 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.

ASA Anderson said:

"Thanks to the Elburn police for the thorough investigation, and to the alert tow truck driver who wisely made a report to the police when he sensed that something wasn't right. His actions might have saved someone's life."

Frank E. Ryan: Age 35 (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.