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MEDIA RELEASE

Emergency Firearms Restraining Order Results in Seizure of Three Illegally Possessed Firearms

On November 18, 2019, members of the Sheriff's Warrants Team and Patrol Division executed an Emergency Firearms Restraining Order/Search Warrant at a residence in the 26300 block of North Diamond Lake Road, Unincorporated Mundelein. Deputies seized a 12-gauge shotgun, SKS rifle, and semiautomatic pistol from a residence belonging to a man who is a convicted felon with a revoked FOID card.

On November 17, 2019, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the above address regarding someone who wanted to report their neighbor's behavior had become increasingly concerning.

The witnesses reported their neighbor, George L. Silva, 48, of the 26300 block of North Diamond Lake Road, on several recent occasions walked around his yard during the evening, with a flashlight, yelling at intruders. According to the neighbors there were no intruders and Silva was yelling at nobody. During one of the occasions, Silva, armed with a semiautomatic firearm, solicited assistance from a neighbor to search for the "intruder." The neighbors became very concerned with the fact Silva was acting irrationally and in possession of a firearm.

The search warrant was conducted by the Sheriff's Warrants Team and Patrol Division in the evening on November 18. Following the search warrant Silva was arrested. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved three counts of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (class 3 felonies).

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "Our Patrol Division quickly recognized this individual posed a substantial risk to the community. Given the circumstances, deputies moved swiftly to petition the Court for an emergency firearms restraining order and search warrant, and when executed resulted in three illegally possessed firearms being seized. This is a textbook case of the importance of the new red flag laws in Illinois."

Silva appeared in court this morning where a Lake County Judge released him on a \$50,000.00 Recognizance Bond. He is next due in court on December 18, 2019 at 9:00AM in courtroom T110.

All defendants a presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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