

# Lake County Sheriff's Office



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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Man Arrested with Stolen Firearm After Shooting into Unincorporated Antioch Neighborhood**

On August 27 and August 31, 2020, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Channel Lake Subdivision in Unincorporated Antioch for a report of shots being fired. When they arrived both times to investigate, sheriff's deputies located used shell casings. They were .22 LR casings on both occasions.

The investigating deputies received information about a possible vehicle involved. Based on the description of the vehicle, the deputies determined the vehicle was involved in a recent traffic crash in the Village of Antioch. The driver at that time was identified as Joseph L. Engmark, 41, of the 10700 block of 255<sup>th</sup> Street, Trevor, WI. Through additional investigative work, deputies learned Engmark was a suspect in a 2018 burglary which occurred in the 43300 block of North Melva Avenue, Unincorporated Antioch, where a .22LR rifle was stolen. The deputies obtained further information about the burglary and were able to determine based on witness descriptions, Engmark matched the description of the person who had been randomly firing the firearm in the Channel Lake Subdivision.

On September 11, 2020, sheriff's deputies located Engmark driving southbound on Tiffany Road north of Route 173, Antioch. Sheriff's deputies were aware Engmark had two active arrest warrants and was driving with a revoked driver's license. They conducted a traffic stop on Engmark's vehicle and placed him into custody. The sheriff's deputies located the stolen .22LR rifle in Engmark's vehicle.

Engmark was arrested and the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges:  
Two Counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm (Class 2 Felonies)  
Possession of a Stolen Firearm (Class 2 Felony)  
Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 3 Felony)  
Driving with a Revoked Driver's License (Class 4 Felony)

Engmark was transported to the Lake County Jail where he remains held on \$75,000.00 bail. He is next due to appear in court on October 7, 2020, at 1:30PM in courtroom T110.

Sheriff John Idleburg said, “I am extraordinarily proud of these patrol deputies for working diligently to identify and apprehend this man who was randomly driving through a neighborhood, firing a gun, and traumatizing the community. Everyday our sheriff’s deputies take pride in going the extra mile to keep our Lake County community safe.”

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

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