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MEDIA RELEASE

Lake Barrington Man with Revoked FOID Charged After Accidentally Shooting Self During Dream

A Lake Barrington Man with a revoked Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card who accidentally shot himself has been charged.

On April 10, 2023, at approximately 9:50 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a person with a gunshot wound in the 100 block of Shoreline Road, Lake Barrington. Sheriff's deputies arrived at the home and located the victim, Mark M. Dicara, 62, with a gunshot wound to the leg. Sheriff's deputies applied a tourniquet to Dicara's leg, as he was losing a significant amount of blood.

Further investigation revealed Dicara had a dream that someone was breaking into his home. He retrieved his .357 Magnum Revolver and shot at who he believed was the intruder. When he fired, he shot himself and apparently woke up from the dream. Dicara was transported to an area hospital for treatment on his gunshot wound. The round discharged from the firearm went through Dicara's leg and lodged itself into Dicara's bedding. Fortunately, the round did not travel through a shared wall with Dicara's neighbors.

It was confirmed there was not a burglary attempt at Dicara's residence.

Sheriff's deputies learned Dicara had a revoked FOID card, yet still possessed a firearm. The case was reviewed by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office who approved the charges of:

Possession of a Firearm without a Valid FOID Card (Class 3 Felony)

Reckless Discharge of a Firearm (Class 4 Felony)

A warrant was drafted and on June 9, 2023, a Lake County Judge set bond on the warrant at \$150,000.00. Dicara was arrested and processed on June 12, 2023. He was released on bail after posting bond. Dicara is next due in court on June 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom T020.

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

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