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SOUTH ELGIN MAN CHARGED FOR POSING AS FIREFIGHTER

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A South Elgin man faces felony charges for pretending to be a firefighter.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 45-year-old **Guy M. Landmeier** with the offense of false personation of a firefighter, Class 4 felony.

Kane County prosecutors allege in charging documents that on July 8, 2019, Landmeier falsely represented himself to be a firefighter of the Rutland-Dundee Fire Protection District.

According to Sugar Grove police, at about 8:15 a.m. July 8, 2019, police stopped Landmeier at Route 56 and Hankes Road, Sugar Grove, for an alleged traffic violation. When questioned by police, Landmeier allegedly identified himself as a firefighter and displayed a badge of the Rutland-Dundee Township Fire Protection District. When contacted by police, officials at the Rutland-Dundee Township Fire Protection District said Landmeier last worked for the district in 2009 and should not be in possession of the badge.

Landmeier appeared July 8, 2019, in Kane County bond court. Kane County Associate Judge Keith Johnson released Landmeier from custody on his promise to appear in court and ordered Landmeier to surrender all badges and other items that identify him as a firefighter.

Judge Johnson set Landmeier's next court appearance for 9 a.m. Aug. 8, 2019, in Courtroom 311 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

If convicted of the charge, Landmeier faces a sentence of probation or between 1 and 3 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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

Guy M. Landmeier: Age 45 (d.o.b. 7-23-1973), of the 1-99 block of South Conway Court, South Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 19CF1345.