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NW INDIANA MAN CHARGED FOR HOME REPAIR FRAUD IN KANE CO.

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Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 39-year-old **Michael P. Geary** with the offense of aggravated home repair fraud, Class 2 felony.

Kane County prosecutors allege that in October 2018 Geary entered into an agreement with an Algonquin, Illinois, resident to perform a home-repair project. The resident paid Geary an advance amount of \$3,000 for materials. Geary immediately deposited the money into his bank account. After several months Geary still hadn't started the work and the resident asked for a refund. Geary told the resident early in 2019 that he would refund the deposit but did not.

The charge is aggravated because the victim is older than 60.

A Kane County judge today signed a warrant for Geary's arrest and set his bail at \$50,000 with 10 percent (\$5,000) to apply for bond.

Geary's initial court appearance will be determined once he is in custody.

The Algonquin Police Department conducted the investigation.

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

Michael P. Geary: Age 39 (d.o.b. 2-10-1980), of the 6500 block of Rose Ellen Avenue, Portage Indiana, and formerly of Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Case No. 20CF163.