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WATERMAN MAN CONVICTED OF ATTEMPT MURDER FOR TAMPERING WITH NATURAL GAS LINE IN ELBURN

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*RE: **Frank E. Ryan**: Age 35 (d.o.b. 11-20-1986), of the 300 block of North Cedar Street, Waterman, Illinois. Case No. 20CF160.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge David P. Kliment has found 35-year-old **Frank E. Ryan** guilty of the offense of attempted murder, Class X felony, 2 counts.

Ryan waived his right to a jury trial.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Anderson and Katy Flannagan stated in court that, [during the early morning hours of January 19, 2020](#), Ryan rerouted a natural gas line by drilling a hole in the exposed gas line outside another person's home on Downing Street in Elburn, and drilling a hole through the home's exterior wall. He connected a tube to the gas line and placed the other end of the tube through the hole and into the home. Ryan purchased the materials used to commit his offense the previous day. Ryan also covered a doorbell camera at the home with duct tape. Two people were inside the home at the time. The homeowner was awakened by the smell of the gas, found the tube and called 911. No one was injured.

Judge Kliment set Ryan's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. September 28, 2022, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and sentencing.

Ryan remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where he has been held in lieu of \$1 million bail. Judge Kliment revoked bond upon conviction.

ASA Anderson said: "Mr. Ryan was upset that the homeowner was dating his ex-girlfriend. His actions that night could have been catastrophic, killing many people and destroying multiple neighboring homes. My thanks to ASA Flannagan, the Elburn Police Department and the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force for their assistance with this prosecution."