



Kane County Sheriff's Office



PRESS RELEASE

Date: 11/9/13

Location: Old Starks Tavern located at 43W478 II Rt 72 in unincorporated Hampshire Township

Time: occurred 1:00am

Incident: Reckless Discharge of a Firearm

SYNOPSIS

On 11/9/13 at approximately 1am Kane County Sheriff's Deputies along with Officers from the Pingree Grove Police Department responded to Old Starks Tavern located at 43W478 II Rt. 72 in unincorporated Hampshire Township for a report of gunshots being fired outside the bar. When Deputies and officers arrived they were told that there was a verbal altercation in the parking lot between 2 men. At one point one of the men got into a car and fired several shots into the air. He then left the area. Deputies were able to locate at least 2 shell casings in the parking lot. No one was hit during the incident.

Approximately 90 minutes later Sheriff's Deputies were informed that Elgin Police had located the offending vehicle and took the driver into custody in the parking lot of a restaurant located in the 300 block of McLean Ave. in Elgin. The driver of that car was positively identified as the person who had discharged the gun in the parking lot of the bar and then fled the scene. When Elgin officers took him into custody they located a 9mm handgun, cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

Arrestee: James Staples DOB 12/8/74 of the 17N400 Block of Harmony Rd Hampshire II. Staples was charged with the following offences and transported to the Kane County Adult Justice Center his bond was set at \$50,000.

- Reckless discharge of a firearm
- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon (no valid FOID)
- Aggravated assault
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Possession of between 2.5 and 10 grams of cannabis

The charges against Staples are not proof of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the State's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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