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**Convicted Felon Arrested After Falsifying FOID
Application, Possessing Over a Dozen Firearms**

The Lake County Sheriff's Gang Task Force received information that a convicted felon falsified documents to obtain an Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) Card. Gang Task Force Detectives, in conjunction with members of the Lakemoor Police Department, commenced an immediate investigation. They learned Grayson D. Ludovicus, 42, of the 28100 block of West Niagara Street, Lakemoor, legally changed his name in 2015 from Daniel Borke to Grayson Ludovicus. Then, in 2016, he falsified documents to obtain a FOID card.

Grayson, under his new identity, applied for a FOID card and answered 'No' to the question "Have you ever been convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction," thus lying on his FOID application. After lying on his FOID application, Grayson was approved for a FOID card. On March 8, 2019, Gang Task Force Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Grayson for one count of 'False Firearm Owner's Identification Card Application' (Class 2 Felony).

On March 12, 2019, Gang Task Force Detectives obtained information Grayson was at his Lakemoor residence. They attempted to serve the arrest warrant at his home, but Grayson and his wife, Kristen N. Ludovicus, 36, of the same address, hid inside their residence. Kristen spoke to Gang Task Force Detectives via a video door-bell and told Detectives that Grayson wasn't home. The Lake County Sheriff's Warrants Team in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Service – Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (USMS-GLRFTF) arrived to assist. Entry was forced into the home and both Grayson and Kristen were found inside the residence.

Grayson was found to be in possession of five firearms inside his Lakemoor residence. Further investigation revealed Grayson recently moved an additional 10 firearms to a relative's home in the 36000 block of Fairfield Road, Ingleside. Gang Task Force Detectives responded to that address and seized an additional 10 firearms.

Grayson was subsequently charged with 15 counts of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (Class 3 Felonies), Obstructing Justice (Class 4 Felony), and Endangering the Life of a Child (Class A Misdemeanor).

Kristen was charged with Obstructing Justice (Class 4 Felony), for attempting to conceal Grayson in the home knowing he had an active felony arrest warrant. She was also charged with Endangering the Life of a Child (Class A Misdemeanor).

Both Grayson and Kristen were charged with Endangering the Life of a Child, as they allowed unsecured firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition, in their home, near their one-year-old and six-year-old children's play area.

Grayson and Kristen remain held in the Lake County Jail pending an initial court appearance this morning.

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "I've said it before, I'll keep saying it, and the results will prove it – I've directed our Gang Task Force to proactively investigate and arrest those who illegally possess or sell deadly weapons, those who push drugs, and those who engage in human trafficking. We have no place for these crimes in Lake County, and I will do everything in my power to keep our community safe. I'm very proud of the members of our Gang Task Force who worked in conjunction with the Lakemoor Police Department, DEA, and ATF to take illegally possessed firearms off our streets which could have inflicted much harm, if left in the wrong hands."

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