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Press Release

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May 13, 2011 - The DuPage County State's Attorney filed charges today against a former Clarendon Hills police officer. Former Patrol Officer Daniel M. Ryan was charged with felony theft, felony aggravated possession of a stolen firearm, unlawful possession of a stolen firearm, and felony official misconduct. Ryan is accused of stealing guns from the evidence room of the Clarendon Hills Police Department. The Office of the DuPage County State's Attorney and the Federal Bureau of Investigation assisted the Clarendon Hills Police Department with an internal investigation into the disappearance of several firearms from the Clarendon Hills police station. The missing guns were voluntarily turned into the Clarendon Hills Police Department in 1998, 1999 and 2005 by residents whom no longer wanted the firearms. None of the stolen guns were evidence in any case or used in the commission of any crime.

The Office of the DuPage County State's Attorney and the F.B.I. first contacted the Clarendon Hills Police Department in February 2011 and offered to assist in the Clarendon Hills investigation. The Clarendon Hills Police Department fully cooperated with investigators and provided the DuPage County State's Attorney and the F.B.I. with all information that it had accumulated during its ongoing investigation, including the name of a suspect, who was then a Clarendon Hills Police Officer. The suspect officer, Daniel M. Ryan, cooperated fully with the investigation. Mr. Ryan resigned from the Police Department on April 22, 2011.

Chief Anderson and members of the Clarendon Hills Police Department offer their sincerest thanks to State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin, his staff and members of the F.B.I. investigative team for their efforts to insure that the Clarendon Hills Police Department is only staffed by officers who honorably serve with the highest integrity and commitment to service.

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PRESS RELEASE

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FORMER CLARENDON HILLS POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH STEALING GUNS FROM DEPARTMENT

WHEATON – DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin announced today that a former Clarendon Hills Police Officer has been charged with stealing guns from the Department's evidence room. Daniel M. Ryan, 48 (d.o.b. 8/22/1962) of Westmont, is facing two counts of Aggravated Possession of a Stolen Firearm (Class 1 Felony), five counts of Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Firearm (Class 2 Felony), one count of Theft (Class 3 Felony) and three counts of Official Misconduct (Class 3 Felony.) Ryan resigned from the department on April 22, 2011.

In February 2011, after receiving an anonymous tip, the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, launched an investigation into the disappearance of guns from the Clarendon Hills Police Department's evidence room. The investigation led authorities to Ryan which resulted in today's charges. In all, Ryan is accused of stealing five weapons including: an Ithaca M1911 A1 World War II U.S. Army .45 caliber gun; a .22 caliber Short Butler; a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber Airlight Special; a Mossberg 590 12 gauge shotgun; and a Connecticut Valley Bobcat .50 caliber gun. None of the weapons allegedly stolen were involved in any crime or criminal case and were the result of a weapons "turn in" program. The alleged thefts occurred from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

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“Anytime a public servant is charged with a crime it is indeed a sad day,” Berlin said. “I want to make it perfectly clear however, that these charges are against one man and are not an indictment on an entire police force. The men and women in uniform at the Clarendon Hills Police Department put their lives on the line every day to protect us and for that they deserve our thanks and respect. I would like to thank officials at the Clarendon Hills Police Department who were extremely cooperative with authorities throughout this investigation. I would also like to thank the FBI and investigators from my office for their efforts in ensuring that any abuse of the public trust will be met with the full force of the law.”

“The Clarendon Hills Police Department offers our sincerest thanks to State’s Attorney Robert Berlin and the members of the FBI investigative team for their efforts to insure that the Clarendon Hills Police Department is only staffed by officers who serve with the highest integrity and commitment to service,” Patrick Anderson, Chief of the Clarendon Hills Police Department said.

Ryan, who was taken into custody _____, is scheduled to appear in Bond Court _____.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal complaint contains only charges and is not proof of the defendant’s guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the government’s burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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