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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: PEORIA COUNTY WOMAN ARRAIGNED FOR ALLEGEDLY LYING ON FOID CARD APPLICATION

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced a Peoria County woman was arraigned on Thursday after the Attorney General's office alleged she falsified information on the FOID card application she submitted to the Illinois State Police (ISP).

Attorney General Raoul charged Ronda S. Frye, 51, of Edwards, Illinois with two counts of forgery, Class 3 felonies punishable by up to two to five years in prison. Frye has pleaded not guilty, and she will next appear in court on September 15.

"This arraignment highlights my office's continued work to prevent gun violence in all its forms," Raoul said. "Individuals who lie on their firearm owner's identification card applications in order to obtain weapons they are not legally able to possess need to be held accountable."

Raoul's indictment alleges Frye knowingly entered false information on a FOID card application by failing to disclose a prior felony conviction. Frye was previously convicted of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. Illinois law prohibits individuals who have been convicted of a felony from being eligible for FOID cards.

"The Illinois State Police will use every tool at its disposal to keep firearms out of the hands of individuals who are prohibited for any reason," said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "ISP will continue to work closely with the Attorney General's office to bring those who commit crimes to justice and help make communities safer."

The public is reminded the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Assistant Attorney General Steven Knight is prosecuting the case for Raoul's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau.