

Saukville man accused with pointing gun at his mother

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A 52-year-old Saukville man who authorities said admitted he was “hammered” when he pointed a loaded handgun at his mother faces a pair of felony charges.

Stephen L. Strehlow was charged in Ozaukee County Circuit Court last week with second-degree reckless endangerment and possession of a firearm while intoxicated.

He also faces one misdemeanor charge of pointing a firearm at another.

Police were called to Strehlow’s home in the 500 block of North Mill Street at 11:42 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27.

According to the criminal complaint, Strehlow’s mother Nancy said she and another son had driven to Strehlow’s home to drop off his mail, which she had been collecting while he had been undergoing rehabilitation in a nursing home.

Mrs. Strehlow said she knocked on the front and back doors, but there was no answer. She said she looked in the window and saw her son on the couch but could not rouse him, so she left his mail on the porch, the complaint states.

Mrs. Strehlow said she was walking down the driveway when she heard her other son yell, “Watch out. He has a gun,” according to the complaint. She said she turned to see Strehlow pointing a large handgun at her.

She said ran to her other son’s truck and, as they drove away, could see Strehlow still pointing the gun at her, the complaint states.

Police said they later found a loaded .22 caliber semi-automatic handgun in Strehlow’s home.

When asked if he had been drinking, Strehlow told police, “I’m (expletive) hammered,” according to the complaint.

A preliminary test showed Strehlow had an alcohol level of .228, which is nearly three times the legal limit for driving of .08, the complaint states.

During a court hearing last week, Judge Tom Wolfgram set Strehlow’s bail at \$1,000 and ordered him not to drink, have contact with his mother or possess firearms.

Court records indicate Strehlow posted bail.