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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **David A. Cooper (DOB: 5/23/1989)** was found guilty of First Degree Murder after a jury trial in front of the Honorable Judge Randy Wilt. The jury also found the firearm enhancement included in the First Degree Murder charge was proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

On September 26, 2020, Rockford Police responded to the 1500 block of Rock Street after reports of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found the victim, Robert Davis, lying inside the back of a vehicle with multiple gunshot wounds. Davis was transported to a Rockford hospital and later pronounced deceased. The Winnebago County Coroner's autopsy revealed that Davis died from gunshot wounds to his chest, neck, arms and legs. Throughout the course of the investigation, detectives interviewed multiple witnesses who said they saw the defendant, David Cooper, shoot the victim and flee the scene.

First Degree Murder is a Class M Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Due to a firearm being used, the offense is punishable by an additional 25 years to natural life in the Department of Corrections to be served at 100% and followed by a term of mandatory supervised released of 3 years.

Cooper is scheduled to be back in court at 2:30pm on October 31, 2023 for a status hearing in front of the Honorable Judge Wilt.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Melissa Voss and First Assistant Ken LaRue handled the prosecution.

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