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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Jennifer Clifford found **Dameria Giwa-Finley (DOB: 11/21/1995)** guilty of First Degree Murder after a bench trial that began on September 11, 2023.

On September 30, 2020, Rockford Police officers responded to an apartment in the 1900 block of W. Riverside in reference to a stabbing. Upon arrival, officers located Diandre Grant, with multiple stab wounds to his chest and legs. Grant was transported to a Rockford hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The Winnebago County Coroner's autopsy found that Grant died as a result of a stab wound to his chest. At the scene, the defendant, Dameria Giwa-Finley told police that Grant came inside the apartment, and collapsed so she called 911. During the course of the investigation, detectives developed Giwa-Finley as the suspect.

First Degree Murder is a Class M Felony. The offense is punishable by 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections to be served at 100% and be followed by a term of mandatory supervised released of 3 years.

Giwa-Finley is scheduled to be back in court for a status hearing on December 15, 2023 at 1:30pm in front of the Honorable Judge Clifford in Courtroom C of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. First Assistant State's Attorney Ken LaRue and Assistant State's Attorney Andrew Marcum handled the prosecution.

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