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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces charges against **Joseph J. Montoro (DOB: 01/01/1985)** following a joint investigation by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, the Lyons Police Department, the Winnebago State's Attorney's Office, and a Winnebago County Grand Jury.

On November 17, 2023, Winnebago County Sheriff's Police began investigating an early morning burglary that had occurred at the Next Stop Slots at 1890 Daimler Road. It is alleged that the defendant, Joseph J. Montoro, broke in to the business with a crowbar, and forced open a slot machine. Montoro is alleged to have taken approximately \$3,600.00 from the machine during the robbery. The defendant is currently on parole from the Illinois Department of Corrections for Armed Robbery and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case, as well as grand jury testimony and authorized Burglary charges.

Burglary is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by two years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

Montoro was arrested late on December 11th in Cook County. At the time of his arrest, Montoro was found to be in possession of a .357 handgun and a substance that tested positive for cocaine. Montoro will be held in Cook County on his new charges before being transported to Winnebago County for initial court appearance.

The charges are merely allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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