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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Eli L. Cassinelli (DOB: 1/21/1985)** was found guilty of Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer after a jury trial before the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer.

On August 7, 2020, Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies were on foot patrol at the City Market near East State and Water Streets in downtown Rockford. While in the area, a Sheriff's Deputy observed Deputy Fred Jones attempting to take an individual into custody. As he was doing so, the deputy observed the defendant, Eli Cassinelli, run towards and slam into Deputy Jones, striking Deputy Jones with his forearm and making contact with the right side of Deputy Jones' head.

Cassinelli is scheduled to be back in court at 1:30pm on April 9, 2024, in front of Judge Schafer in Courtroom 317 of the Winnebago County Courthouse.

Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by one year of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Alison Meason and Emily Palmer handled the prosecution.

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