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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher sentenced **Jordan D. Spates (DOB 8/27/1990)** to a total of 75 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of Attempt First Degree Murder and Aggravated Battery with a Firearm. After a jury trial, Spates was found guilty of the offenses for shooting a Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy on September 23, 2017.

In the early morning hours of September 23, 2017, while on patrol in west Rockford, Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Wright attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle driven by Jordan Spates. Spates proceeded to flee at high speed away from Deputy Wright. Spates eventually drove over the median near Springfield Avenue and Prairie Road into oncoming traffic. Spates then stopped his vehicle and began to flee Deputy Wright on foot. Following a short foot chase, Spates fired three .40 caliber shots at Deputy Wright, two of which struck Deputy Wright in his right shoulder and left bicep. Jordan Spates was arrested two weeks later in Georgia.

Judge Maher sentenced Spates to 50 years for Attempt First Degree Murder, plus an additional 25 years because he used a firearm in commission of the offense. The sentence also carries a term of three years of Mandatory Supervised Release and will be served at 85%.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation in this case. First Assistant State's Attorney Ken LaRue handled the prosecution.

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