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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley and Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana announce charges against **Omarrian T. Jones (DOB: 01/04/1985)** for the murder of an elderly woman that occurred in 2002.

On February 23rd 2002, Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to 730 Newport Avenue in Rockford, Illinois for a medical assist call. Upon arrival deputies located a female victim, identified as 71-year-old Lottie Flowers. She was found suffering from multiple stab wounds to her face, neck and torso. Flowers was transported to a Rockford hospital, but died a short time later. A Winnebago County Coroner's Autopsy showed that Flowers had been stabbed 24 times. Her cause of death was determined to be the result of severe blood loss. In the immediate aftermath of the Lottie Flowers murder, members of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department put forth an exhaustive effort in an attempt to solve the crime. Eventually leads in the case went cold. Winnebago County Sheriff's Department detectives never stopped working on this case and recently, the investigation was reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. As a result, Jones was charged with First Degree Murder.

Jones is currently incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections serving a life sentence for the July, 2009 murders of Reynato and Leticia Cardino. He is scheduled to be brought back to Winnebago County on a later date to make his initial appearance in court on the new first degree murder charges. The charges are merely allegations and Jones is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty in a court of law.

First Degree Murder is a Class M Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation in this case in conjunction with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office.

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