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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that that a Grand Jury has returned an indictment against **Timothy D. Carter (DOB: 06/07/1995)** that includes three counts of First Degree Murder and one count of Hate Crime charges.

On March 24, 2024, Rockford Police Officers responded to the Walmart on Northridge Drive for a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, officers located an 18-year-old male suffering from a stab wound to the back. The victim, later identified as Jason Jenkins, was transported to a local hospital, but he passed away a short time later. After a review of the facts of the case, the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office authorized First Degree Murder and Hate Crime against the defendant, Timothy Carter.

Carter is scheduled to be back in court at 9:00am on April 9, 2024, in front of Judge Debra Schafer in Courtroom 317 of the Winnebago County Courthouse. He remains in custody at the Winnebago County Jail.

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.

Hate Crime is a Class 4 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised Release.

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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