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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge John Gibbons sentenced **Augustus E. Young (DOB:11/19/2002)** to a total of 25 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections as part of a negotiated plea to Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon to be served at 50%. Young also pled guilty to Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and was sentenced to 48 months of consecutive conditional discharge after his release from prison.

On June 16th, 2024, Rockford Police responded to the 200 block of Cameron Avenue for shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located 26 spent 9mm shell casings and three (3) live 9mm rounds on the sidewalk and in the parking lot. During a review of surveillance video, police could see a large group of people in the parking lot, then a muzzle flash before people scatter. In the video you can see the suspect, later identified as the defendant, Augustus Young, firing shots from a handgun with a magazine attached to it.

A few days later, on July 5, 2024, police responded again to the 200 block of Cameron Avenue for shots fired. Upon arrival, police met with a Metro Enforcement Officer who reported hearing more than 50 gunshots and a gunshot victim. The victim was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Shell casings and bullet holes were observed blanketing the area. A review of video surveillance again shows Augustus Young as the person who fired the shots.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation into these cases. Assistant State's Attorney Evan Pinsel handled the prosecution.

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