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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**State's Attorney J. Hanley**

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Dushawn C. Stallworth (DOB: 10/20/2000)** was found guilty of First Degree Murder after a jury trial before the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher. The jury also found the firearm enhancement allegation was proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

On October 29, 2022, Rockford Police Officers responded to the 4200 Block of Auburn Street for a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found an adult male, later identified as David Austin, lying in the yard west of the Auburn Manor Apartment Complex. Austin was transported to a Rockford Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Detectives reviewed video footage and identified a black Chevrolet Impala as the suspect vehicle. The video depicts the suspect vehicle fleeing the scene moments after Austin was shot. An eyewitness described seeing Austin partially enter the Impala's backseat, where he was shot moments later. Detectives spoke with a witness who identified Stallworth as the shooter and the person who killed Austin. Hours after the crime, detectives located the murder weapon in a backpack belonging to Stallworth.

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 defendant is eligible for an additional 25 years in prison based on the firearm enhancement allegation.

Stallworth is scheduled to be back in court on June 13, 2025 at 2 p.m. in front of Judge Maher in Courtroom D of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Joseph Carder and Alison Meason are handling the prosecution.

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