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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Ryan B. Mattingly (DOB: 8/22/1989)** was found guilty of First Degree Murder after a Bench Trial before the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher.

On April 16, 2016, Rockford Police Officers responded to a shooting near the Auburn Manor Apartments off of Auburn Street. Upon arrival, officers located a victim, later identified as Valentia Jovan Fresco, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. During the investigation, detectives learned that Fresco was shot by the defendant, Ryan Mattingly. Mattingly and Alijon Khalil were working as security guards for Metro Enforcement and patrolling Auburn Manor Apartments. While on patrol, they observed the victim walking on the Auburn Manor property and approached him asking for identification. Fresco ran, and Mattingly and Khalil chased him off of Rockford Housing Authority Property. They encountered the victim at gunpoint on Auburn Road where they attempted to detain him and place him in handcuffs. A struggle ensued. During the struggle, Ryan Mattingly discharged his firearm multiple times striking the victim in the upper body resulting in his death. The case against Alijon Khalil is still pending. He is presumed innocent until 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.

Mattingly is scheduled to be back in court on May 11, 2026, 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. First Assistant State's Attorney Ken LaRue is handling the prosecution.

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