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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Marquize Alexander (9/12/2002)** plead guilty to one count of First Degree Murder in front of the Honorable Judge Ronald White. On March 14, 2025, the co-defendant, **Angelo Woods (DOB 11/18/2003)**, also entered a plea of guilty to one count of First Degree Murder. Both were sentenced to 24 years, 6 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by 3 years of Mandatory Supervised Release. The sentences imposed shall be served at 100%.

On March 24, 2022 around 8:37 pm, officers responded to the 2601 Pleasant View for a subject laying in the driveway. Officers located an unresponsive male, Davonte Simmons, lying in the driveway of 2601 Pleasant View Ave. Simmons was transported to a hospital where he later died from his injuries, two gunshots to his right shoulder and one gunshot to his back.

Detectives learned during the investigation that Shon Davis, Kenneth D. Alexander, Angelo Woods and Marquize Alexander devised a plan to steal Davonte Simmons' handgun from him. The four picked up Davonte and drove around. Shon Davis was the driver, Kenneth Alexander was the front seat passenger, Marquize Alexander was in the back middle seat, Angelo Woods was back passenger side, and Davonte Simmons sat in the back driver's side. When Davonte Simmons resisted the armed robbery, Angelo Woods and Marquize Alexander shot Davonte Simmons and pushed him from the car.

Kenneth Alexander (DOB 2/24/1998) and **Shon Davis (1/8/2003)** previously plead guilty to the offense of Armed Robbery and were sentenced to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by 18 months of Mandatory Supervised Release. The sentence is eligible to be served with day for day good time credit.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. First Assistant State's Attorney Ken LaRue handled the prosecution.

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