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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer sentenced **Marnell X. Fulton (DOB: 5/25/1993)** to 75 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for First Degree Murder. Fulton was found guilty of the offense after a bench trial. The defendant will also be on mandatory supervised release for three years after he is released from prison. The sentence must be served at 100%.

On December 15, 2021, Rockford Police responded to the area of the 500 block of S. 2nd Street in reference to a shooting victim. Upon arrival, Officers located a victim, later identified as Robert Bingenheimer, laying in the foyer of an apartment in a pool of blood. He suffered from a gunshot wound to his neck and was deceased. During the investigation Detectives learned Bingenheimer owed money to a drug dealer later identified as the defendant, Marnell Fulton. Surveillance video shown during trial shows Fulton walk up to the apartment building where Bingenheimer lived. Witnesses testified that they heard arguing about money near the front of the building, then a gunshot right before the defendant was seen leaving the area.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Emily Palmer and Nathaniel Huss handled the prosecution.

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