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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher sentenced **Dushawn C. Stallworth (DOB: 10/20/2000)** to 65 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for First Degree Murder. Stallworth was found guilty of the offense after a jury trial in April. At the close of the trial, the jury also found that the firearm enhancement allegation was proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Stallworth will be on mandatory supervised release for three years after he is released from prison. He must serve this sentence at 100%

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.

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

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