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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**August 28, 2025**  
**State's Attorney J. Hanley**

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Raykevon Newton (DOB: 12/21/1996)** plead guilty to Armed Robbery, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle and Aggravated Battery before the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher. As part of this plea, Newton was sentenced to 16 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Armed Robbery, 14 years for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle and 14 years for Aggravated Battery. The sentences will run concurrently and are eligible to be served at 50%. Additionally, the defendant will be on mandatory supervised release for 18 months after he is released from prison.

On August 17, 2024, at 5:45 pm, Rockford Park District Police officers were dispatched to the Sinnissippi Recreation Path by the Nicholas Conservatory for an Armed Robbery. Upon arrival, officers met with a victim, who was with his 16 year old child. He reported being approached by two men armed with a gun, who demanded his wallet, cell phone and car keys. The victim provided those items, and the suspects took off in the victim's vehicle. Later in the day, police located the stolen vehicle near Mulberry Street and Oakley Avenue. Officers attempted to approach the vehicle, and the subject inside ran away from the area. The suspect entered a residence on Irving Avenue. A few minutes later, officers observed the defendant, Raykevon Newton, exit through a bedroom window. While attempting to place Newton into custody, he kicked one of the officers, injuring her hand. During a subsequent interview with detectives, Newton admitted to the offenses.

The Rockford Park District Police and Rockford Police Departments conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Alison Meason handled the prosecution.

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