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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Tyris Jones (DOB: 9/9/1999)** was found guilty of Attempt Vehicular Hijacking and Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Police Officer after a jury trial before the Honorable Judge Jennifer Clifford.

On October 2, 2020, Rockford Police located the defendant who was wanted for three arrest warrants and for questioning on a recent drive-by shooting murder. Officers located the defendant at a relative's house but the defendant was able to drive away before he was caught. The defendant led the police from multiple agencies on a long, high-speed chase through Rockford which only ended when the defendant attempted to avoid police-deployed stop sticks and crashed his car. The defendant fled his car and tried to hijack another car before Rockford police shot him. Rockford officers quickly administered life saving first aid on the defendant.

Attempt Vehicular Hijacking is a class 2 felony that is probationable but could be sentenced to between 3 and 7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised Release. Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Policar Officer is a class 4 felony that is probationable or for a sentence of 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised Release.

Jones is scheduled to be back in court on May 23, 2025, before Judge Clifford in Courtroom C of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. First Assistant State's Attorney Ken LaRue and Assistant State's Attorney Calvin Wiegand are handling the prosecution.

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