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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Scott Paccagnini sentenced **Mario J. Perkins (DOB: 11/2/1989)** to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Repeat Felony Offender and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm. Perkins plead guilty to both charges in June of 2025. As part of his sentence, the defendant will be on mandatory supervised release for three years after he is released from prison. The sentence must be served at a minimum of 85%.

On June 8, 2022, Rockford Police Officers were dispatched to the area of 1602 Chestnut Street for a ShotSpotter alert. Upon arrival, officers located multiple shell casings in the street and determined that two residences had been struck by gunfire. It was determined that at least 31 shots had been fired. Multiple people were inside both homes at the time of the shooting. Witness observed a red four door Chrysler drive up, stop, then gunfire erupted from inside the vehicle. Officers tracked the vehicle to a location in the 4200 block of Beach Street. The defendant, Mario Perkins, was in the back seat. Police also located multiple firearms and spent shell casings inside the vehicle. Perkins has previous convictions for Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon in both 2011 and 2013. He was also convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon in 2017.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Kirstin Krivanec handled the prosecution.

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