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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer sentenced **Deion T. Jackson (DOB: 4/20/1999)** to 11 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on each of two counts of Criminal Sexual Assault for a total sentence of 22 years. Jackson was convicted of four counts of Criminal Sexual Assault after a bench trial. Two of the counts merge under Illinois law, due to the alternative way under which they were charged and constituting "one act one crime." The defendant will be on mandatory supervised release for three years to natural life. He will also have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. This sentence must be served at 85%.

In November, 2024, Rockford Police Detectives responded to a residence in the 2100 block of Martha Avenue to investigate a criminal sexual assault. A male reported that one of his relatives, had just sexually assaulted a female inside the home. The defendant, Deion Jackson was quickly identified as the suspect and arrested. The day before this report, Jackson was released from prison. He was also currently on probation for Aggravated Battery, involving conduct of a sexual nature. During sentencing, the State presented evidence of a prior sex crime committed by the defendant upon a different victim in 2021.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Emily Palmer and Jennifer Gadow are handling the prosecution.

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