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State's Attorney J. Hanley

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Coreyeon A. Young (DOB: 3/10/2003)** was found guilty of First Degree Murder and Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon after a two day jury trial before the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer.

On September 8, 2020, Rockford Police Officers were dispatched to shots fired near the intersection of Green Street and Webster Avenue. At the same time, dispatch also received a call for shots fired at 519 Webster Avenue. Officers arrived in the area and located three shell casings in the intersection of Webster and Berkley Street. A short time later, Officers responded to a residence in the 1900 block of Elm Street in reference to a shooting victim, later identified as Chrishawn Arnold, laying in the lawn. Arnold sustained a gunshot wound to the upper left side of his back. Arnold was transported to OSF Hospital where he died as a result of his injuries. During the investigation detectives were advised that the defendant, Coreyeon Young, was responsible for shooting. During the trial, witnesses testified that Young shot Arnold after the two argued about a stolen gun.

First Degree Murder is a Class M Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of mandatory supervised release.

Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon is a Class 4 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a year of mandatory supervised release.

Young is scheduled to be back in court on May 15, 2026, in front of Judge Schafer in Courtroom 317 of the Winnebago County Courthouse.

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



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