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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Monday, November 17, 2025**  
**State's Attorney J. Hanley**

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Arianna N. Hawkins (DOB: 8/29/1997)** was found guilty of First Degree Murder, Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and two counts of Aggravated Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer after a jury trial before the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher.

On November 17, 2023, Rockford Police officers responded to the 1300 block of Evelyn Street for a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male, identified as Floyd Rush, suffering from a gunshot wound. Rush was transported to a Rockford Hospital, but later died from his injuries. During the trial, a woman, who was with Rush the night of the shooting, testified that Hawkins shot Rush after the two engaged in a verbal dispute about a parking spot. Video surveillance captured the incident between Hawkins and Rush. The footage depicted Hawkins throwing a drink at Rush. Immediately after this, Rush is seen exiting his vehicle to confront Hawkins, followed by a muzzle flash that appears to come from the area of Hawkins' hand. Hawkins immediately fled in her vehicle and a description of that vehicle was quickly broadcast to area law enforcement. Minutes later, Hawkins' vehicle was observed heading north in Loves Park on North Second Street. A lengthy car chase ensued, involving the efforts of numerous local law enforcement agencies, and ending with the defendant's arrest.

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 a Weapon is a Class 4 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by six months of mandatory supervised release.

Aggravated Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Peace Officer is a Class 4 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by six months of mandatory supervised release.



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Hawkins is scheduled to appear in court on December 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in front of Judge Maher in Courtroom D of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Various law enforcement agencies assisted in apprehending the defendant. Those agencies included the Rockford Police Department, the Loves Park Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, and the Illinois State Police. Assistant State's Attorneys Joseph Carder and Alison Meason are handling prosecution.

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