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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **David B. Marshall (DOB: 1/6/1978)** plead guilty to two counts of Aggravated Arson before the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer. Marshall was subsequently sentenced to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on each of the Class X Felony charges. The defendant will also be in Mandatory Supervised Release for three years after he is released from prison. The sentences run concurrently and will be served at 85%.

On October 5, 2024, Rockford Fire Investigators were dispatched to Wired Café at 414 E. State Street. Upon arrival, they learned from firefighters that multiple fires had been set inside the business with residential apartments above it. The defendant, David Marshall, was developed as a suspect. Marshall broke into the business shattering the east side entrance door. During an interview with investigators, Marshall admitted he set the fires inside the Café. There were residents inside the upstairs apartment when Marshall started the fires.

A few days later, on October 17, 2024, Rockford Fire Investigators were called to the Park Terrace Apartments in the 1000 block of Chamberlain Street. After analyzing the available fire patterns and evidence, Investigators determined the fire originated in a first-floor office on the south side of the structure. During the course of the fire, five victims, including four residents and one firefighter were injured and were transported to local hospitals. Security video footage showed the defendant, David Marshall, break into the office where the fire started. Marshall was seen on video leaving the office, then shortly after, smoke can be seen coming from the area right before the fire alarm went off.

Aggravated Arson is a Class X Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The Rockford Fire Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Andrew Marcum handled the prosecution.

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