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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Deion T. Jackson (DOB: 4/20/1999)** was found guilty of four counts of Criminal Sexual Assault after a bench trial before the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer.

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.

Criminal Sexual Assault is a Class 1 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 4-15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years to natural life of mandatory supervised release. Each count must be served consecutively to one another and at a rate of 85%.

Jackson is scheduled to be back in court on May 26, 2026, at 2:30pm before Judge Schafer in Courtroom 317 of the Winnebago County Courthouse for sentencing.

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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