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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on October 30, 2025, **Javari L. Conley (DOB: 12/26/1994)** was sentenced to 35 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for one count of First Degree Murder by the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher.

On March 7, 2019, at approximately 8:41 p.m., Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the Great Oaks apartment complex located at 4865 Linden Road in reference to a reported shooting victim. Upon arrival, deputies located a male subject later identified as Jaime Gonzalez seated in the driver's seat of a red Kia Soul. Gonzalez was observed slumped to the left, suffering from apparent gunshot wounds to the head and lower left side, with significant bleeding noted.

Crime Scene Investigators from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office recovered three spent shell casings located directly behind the victim's vehicle. Subsequent forensic examination determined that these casings matched those recovered from a separate, unrelated shooting incident involving the defendant. During a later interview, the defendant admitted that on March 7th, he had discharged a firearm at an individual with whom he had ongoing disputes and acknowledged that at least one of the shots struck a parked, occupied red vehicle.

First Degree Murder is a Class M Felony punishable by a sentence of 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release. The sentence imposed shall be served at 100%. The sentence will be served consecutively to 21-year sentence for Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking that occurred on March 19, 2019.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation in this case. First Assistant State's Attorney Ken LaRue handled the prosecution.

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