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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Murphy D. Doss (DOB: 4/19/1973)** was found guilty of Attempt First Degree Murder, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm and Second Degree Murder after a four day jury trial before the Honorable Judge Scott Paccagnini. The jury also found the firearm enhancement allegation was proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

On September 27, 2024, Rockford Police Officers responded to the Max Mart gas station in the 900 block of Kilburn Avenue for two separate ShotSpotter notifications. Upon arrival, officers located two shooting victims in front of the business. The first victim was identified as Randy Johnson. He was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The second victim, Damien Roberts, was also transported to the hospital for a life threatening gunshot wound to his leg. Detectives reviewed video surveillance and observed the defendant, Murphy Doss, get into an argument with some of the individuals the two victims were with that night. The video was shown during trial in which Doss can be seen holding a firearm and shooting in the direction of Johnson and Roberts. Johnson immediately fell to the ground as the group of subjects appear to run away. Roberts is observed tripping over Johnson before also falling to the ground. After all of the other individuals ran away, Doss faces Roberts and shoots towards him ultimately striking him in the leg. Doss then runs back to where Johnson had collapsed and shoots him again as he appeared to be lying motionless on the ground.

Attempt First Degree Murder is a Class X Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by 3 years of Mandatory Supervised Release. The defendant is eligible for an additional 25 years to natural life in prison after the jury found the firearm enhancement allegation was proven beyond a reasonable doubt. This sentence is to be served at 85%.

Aggravated Battery with a Firearm is a Class X Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by 3 years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

Second Degree Murder is a Class 1 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 4-20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by 18 months of Mandatory Supervised Release.



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Doss is scheduled to be back in court on August 22, 2025 in front of Judge Paccagnini in Courtroom 478 at the Winnebago County Courthouse.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Kristin Carpenter and Kirstin Krivanec handled the prosecution.

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