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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Joseph Angel Gabriel Ocana-White (DOB: 10/2/2002)** was sentenced to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections as part of a negotiated guilty plea to one count of Possession of a Weapon (a machine gun) by a Felon. Ocana-White will be on mandatory supervised for 18 months after he is released from prison. The sentence is eligible to be served at 50%.

On October 17, 2024, members of the South Beloit Police Department initiated a traffic stop on a stolen 2017 Chevrolet Corvette. Attempting to evade the traffic stop, Ocana-White drove the Corvette in reverse and struck a squad car, causing minor damage to the Corvette and the squad car. Ocana-White then fled the Corvette on foot. Officers gave chase and apprehended him seconds later. Officers located a loaded .40 caliber Glock 23 handgun with an extended magazine on the driver seat of the stolen Corvette. Further examination of this firearm revealed that a backplate had been installed after-market to convert the firearm to a fully automatic weapon.

Possession of a Weapon (machine gun) by a Felon is a Class X Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by 18 months of mandatory supervised release.

The South Beloit Police Department, with the assistance of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, conducted the investigation of this case. Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Carder handled the prosecution.

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