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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Tyris S. Jones (DOB: 9/9/1999)** was found guilty of First Degree Murder with a firearm enhancement after a bench trial before the Honorable Judge Jennifer Clifford.

On September 26, 2020, Rockford Police Officers responded to 1020 Furman Street in reference to a ShotSpotter alert of multiple rounds fired. Upon arrival in the area, officers observed a BMW that had been struck numerous times by gunfire on the driver's side. Bullet holes were observed in the driver's side door and also the driver's side window. Responding officers observed that the Rockford Fire Department was on scene and was removing an adult male victim, later identified as Demavalee Macklin from the driver's seat. Macklin had been shot and was pronounced deceased at the scene. An adult male passenger standing near the BMW was not injured. During trial, surveillance video showed Macklin picking him up the male when gunfire erupted from the passenger side of a grey vehicle that quickly left the scene. Officers collected surveillance video from the scene and were able to identify the defendant, Tyris Jones, in the driver's seat of the suspect vehicle.

First Degree Murder is a Class M Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Jones is eligible for an extended term of 15 years due to Judge Clifford's finding that the firearm enhancement was proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Jones is scheduled to be back in court on July 1st before Judge Clifford in Courtroom C of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. First Assistant State's Attorney Ken LaRue is handling the prosecution.

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