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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on July 17, 2023, **Andre Cotton (D.O.B.: 6/28/91)** was sentenced to 9 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Involuntary Sexual Servitude of a Minor in front of the Honorable Judge Randy Wilt.

On September 22, 2022 Officers with the Rockford City Police Department responded to the Motel 6 on E. State St. for a welfare check. A mother had called requesting officers check the motel for her teenage daughter who had runaway. Upon arrival officers located the teen in a room with the defendant. The teen advised she met the defendant and told him she was in the 9th grade. She advised photographs were taken of her and a profile was created on an online site commonly used to advertise sexual acts in exchange for money. The teen advised that while at the motel two different men paid around \$100 for sexual acts with her.

Involuntary Sexual Servitude of a Minor is a Class X Felony punishable by 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Any sentence imposed is to be followed by a term of mandatory supervised released of 18 months.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Kirstin Krivanec handled the prosecution.

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