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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on July 7, 2022, **Dylan R. Myers (DOB 8/29/1992)** was found guilty of First Degree Murder following a bench trial before Honorable Judge Debra Schafer. The Court also found that the First Degree Murder was performed with the additional element of Exceptionally Brutal and Heinous Behavior Indicative of Wanton Cruelty.

On the evening of March 25, 2020, the defendant and a co-defendant, Harry Lawson, severely battered the victim, Steven Delorme, before dropping his body from a minivan in a secluded area on 20th Avenue. An alert citizen recognized the situation and called 911. At the hospital, medical personnel discovered that Steven Delorme had been sodomized with an object, possibly a broom stick or plunger, which caused significant internal injuries to the abdominal organs on the left side of Steven Delorme's body. Steven Delorme eventually died from his injuries on June 4, 2020.

For the First Degree Murder verdict, the defendant will be sentenced between 20 years and natural life to be served in full without any good time credit.

A sentencing date is scheduled for August 29th. Harry Lawson's trial is set for September 19, 2022.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Ken LaRue and Ali Friend handled the prosecution.

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