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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on November 29, 2022, **Elliott D. Lopez, (DOB 04/14/1996)** was charged with the felony offense of Endangering the Life/Health of a Child relating to an incident which occurred on November 20, 2022.

An investigation revealed that the defendant left a loaded .45 caliber pistol unattended in his living room when he went to bed. The following morning, the defendant's 6 year old son was unsupervised when he located that loaded handgun. The evidence shows that the firearm discharged and struck the 6 year old while he was handling it - which resulted in the child's death.

The class 3 felony offense of Endangering the Life/Health of a Child is punishable by a sentence of between 2 and 10 years in the Department of Corrections with up to one year of Mandatory Supervised Release. The defendant is eligible to receive probation.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case.

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