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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on February 18, 2022, **Eric L. Brown (DOB 8/26/1991)** was found guilty of Armed Habitual Criminal after a jury trial before Judge Ronald White.

On November 6, 2019, Rockford Police Department received an anonymous call that the defendant, who was wanted on a warrant, was at an apartment on Harrison Avenue. Detectives saw the defendant exit the apartment and get into the rear passenger seat of a vehicle. Detectives stopped the vehicle and when they removed the defendant from the backseat, they located a .40 caliber firearm.

The case is set for a virtual status hearing on March 9, 2022 at 8:30am in Courtroom 316 and is pending a sentencing date. Armed Habitual Criminal is a Class X Felony punishable by 6 and 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Any sentence is to be served at 85% and followed by a Mandatory Supervised Release term of 3 years.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Taylor Nesbit and Amy Ohtani handled the prosecution.

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