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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on July 26th, 2023, the Honorable Judge Debra Shafer sentenced **Jade Carter (DOB: 8/28/03)** to eight years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

On October 21, 2021, Rockford City Police Officer S. McNutt was on patrol in an unmarked police vehicle and spotted a stolen vehicle. He followed the vehicle and then once he observed the registration, he dropped back but the vehicle did a U-turn and drove towards him at a high rate of speed. Officer McNutt then heard gunfire and heard bullets striking his vehicle. The occupants of the stolen vehicle continued firing and chased after his vehicle at a high rate of speed. Nineteen shell casings of two different calibers were recovered from the area. Officers located Jade Carter, Maurice Citchen, and another man running in the area. Maurice Citchen indicated he had been driving and the other two individuals were in the vehicle with him. The defendant, Jade Carter, plead guilty to Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm in front of the Honorable Judge Schafer in April of 2023.

Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm is a Class 1 Felony punishable by 4-30 years in the Department of Corrections. Any sentence for Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm must be served at 85% and followed by a Mandatory Supervised Release term of two years.

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

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