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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Malik H. Trotter (DOB: 11/14/1995)** was charged on February 8, 2024 with the felony offenses of attempt first degree murder (five counts), armed violence (two counts), aggravated discharge of a firearm (four counts), unlawful use of a weapon by a felon (two counts), killing a police canine, and theft. These charges stem from a domestic situation that preceded the shooting of Rockford Police K9, Nyx on January 28, 2024. In addition, Malik Trotter was charged with a related threatening a public official from February 5, 2024.

Attempt first degree murder of a police officer is a class X felony punishable by between 20 and 80 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with an additional 20 year add-on for the firearm. Any sentence would be followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release. If there is a finding of guilty or a plea of guilty, the five counts of attempt first degree murder would be served consecutively. Each charge is subject to truth in sentencing and would be served at 85%. These charges are not eligible for a term of probation.

Armed violence is a class X felony punishable by a sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections of between 6 and 30 years followed by 18 months Mandatory Supervised Release. These charges are not eligible for a term of probation.

Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm is a Class 1 felony punishable by 4-15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by one year of Mandatory Supervised Release but is also probationable. Any sentence to the Department of Corrections for the aggravated discharge of a firearm is to be served at 85% and will be followed by 18 months of Mandatory Supervised Release.

Theft is a Class 3 Felony punishable by 2-5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised Release. The charge is eligible for a term of probation.

Unlawful use of a weapon by a felon is a class 3 felony that is probationable. Any sentence to the Department of Corrections would be between 2 and 5 years followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised Release. The charge is eligible for a term of probation.

Killing a police canine is a class 3 felony that is probationable. Any sentence to the Department of Corrections would be between 2 and 5 years followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised Release.



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The charges are merely allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty in a court of law.

The case was investigated by the Winnebago-Boone Integrity Task Force and the Rockford Police Department in conjunction with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office.

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