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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on July 14, 2023, **Raheem D. King (DOB: 4/4/1996)** was sentenced to Natural Life with consecutive sentences of 155 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of First Degree Murder, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking and Aggravated Unlawful Restraint by the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer.

On April 7, 2018, the defendant rented a bus to drive him and several others to Elgin to gamble at the casino. On the drive to Elgin, the defendant received a phone call informing him that his house had been broken into. He told the driver to turn around and drive back to Rockford. The defendant blamed one of the victims on the bus for the break in. The bus stopped at the defendant's house who went inside and came out with a rifle and handgun. He boarded the bus and would not let anyone leave the bus. He then ordered the driver to drive. The defendant ordered three people on the bus, Martavies Blake, Sean Anderson and Daijon Sistrunk, to give him their phones, which he threw off the bus. The defendant began arguing with the three men and then shot and killed Martavies Blake, Sean Anderson and Daijon Sistrunk. The defendant was tried in a bench trial and found guilty on August 28, 2020 of 90 counts of First Degree Murder, three counts of Armed Robbery, one count of Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking and four counts of Aggravated Restraint.

First Degree Murder is a Class M Felony. Killing two or more people is punishable by a mandatory natural life sentence. The Armed Robbery and Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking charges are class X offense that have a mandatory 6-30 years, to be served consecutively to each other and the First Degree Murder charges. The Aggravated Unlawful Restraint charges are class 3 offenses sentenced between 2 and 5 years, but is also probationable.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office handled the prosecution.

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