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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**State's Attorney J. Hanley**

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley is proud to announce that Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Lesner has been recognized by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization for his efforts to keep impaired drivers off Illinois Streets.

Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Lesner received MADD's Hero Award at a ceremony in Springfield, Illinois on Saturday, September 7, 2024. MADD recognizes Prosecutors, Judges and Law Enforcement Officers who have shown exceptional commitment to protecting communities from impaired drivers. According to the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration, about 37 people in the United States die in drunk-driving crashes every day. In 2021, 13,384 people died in alcohol-impaired driving incidents. ASA Lesner is the supervisor and prosecuting attorney in our DUI Unit.

"ASA Lesner works tenaciously to seek justice for victims of reckless and impaired driving," says State's Attorney J. Hanley. "We are proud to see him recognized for his efforts to hold offenders accountable when they choose to drink and get behind the wheel."

Every year, MADD Illinois holds a Law Enforcement Recognition banquet to recognize the men and women who have led the fight against drunk/drugged driving and underage drinking within their communities during the prior year. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office, working with organizations like MADD, remain committed to seeking justice for victims of reckless and intoxicated driving.

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