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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Charles E. Jones (DOB: 2/10/1971)** was found guilty of Reckless Discharge of a Firearm after a jury trial before the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer.

On February 6, 2022, Rockford Police Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1500 block of Pauline Avenue in reference to shots fired. The caller reported that they could hear a male and female arguing which was followed by three gunshots. Upon arrival, officers located a female outside the residence. She told officers that the defendant, Charles Jones, slapped her across the face and she fell to the ground. While on the ground, Jones pulled out a gun and fired three shots into the ground. Officers observed injuries to the victim's face, eye and finger at the scene

Reckless Discharge of a Firearm is a Class 4 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised Release.

Jones is scheduled to be back in court at 9:30 am on June 12, 2024 in front of Judge Schafer in Courtroom 317 of the Winnebago County Courthouse.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Emily Palmer and Andrew Fisk handled the prosecution.

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