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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **State's Attorney Marilyn Hite Ross**

Winnebago County State's Attorney Marilyn Hite Ross announces that a Grand Jury has returned an indictment against **Cheryl Barrett (DOB 5/8/1971)** for threatening a Public Official.

On January 28, 2020 Winnebago County Sheriff's Detectives were assigned to investigate a threat made against a Public Official. During the investigation Cheryl Barrett was developed as a suspect. The case was reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized.

Threatening a Public Official is a Class 3 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 2-5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by one year of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The defendant is scheduled to appear in front of the Honorable Judge Joseph McGraw on March 17, 2020 at 1:30 in Courtroom A in the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

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

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