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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Christian Ivan Soto (DOB: 11/23/2001)** made his initial appearance in court before the Honorable Judge Scott Paccagnini.

Soto is charged with First Degree Murder (four counts), Attempt First Degree Murder (seven counts) and Home Invasion (two counts). At his initial appearance today, the State filed a petition to deny Soto's pretrial release. At the request of Soto's counsel, the hearing on that petition was continued and will be held on April 2, 2024, at 11am in Courtroom B of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center. Until the hearing, Soto will remain in jail.

Soto is charged with first degree murder for the deaths of Jacob Schupbach, Ramona Schupbach, Jay Larson, and a 15-year-old minor. He faces attempt murder charges and home invasion charges for other attacks at or near residences on Cleveland Avenue in Rockford and Florence Street in Winnebago County.

First Degree Murder is a Class M felony that is punishable by a sentence of 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

Attempt First Degree Murder is a Class X Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

Home Invasion is a Class X Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

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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While numerous agencies responded and assisted in the investigation, the primary agencies involved in the investigation are the Rockford Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

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