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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Devonte M. Flint (DOB: 10/16/1993)** pled guilty to Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Involving Death and Aggravated Reckless Driving for an offense that happened in 2021. The Honorable Judge Brendan Maher sentenced Flint to 14 years in the Department of Corrections for the Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Involving Death and 3 years in the Department of Corrections for the Aggravated Reckless Driving. He will also be on Mandatory Supervised Release for two years after he is released from prison.

On April 25, 2021, the Winnebago Boone County Integrity Task Force was activated to investigate a vehicle crash that occurred at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Harrison Avenue in Rockford. Rockford Police Officers attempted to pull over a vehicle being driving by the defendant, Devonte Flint. Officers observed Flint driving northbound on 9<sup>th</sup> Street where he went through a red light and crashed into a truck. The adult male driver of the truck, later identified as Raymond Jackson, was transported to a Rockford hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. A juvenile female passenger was also severely injured in the crash.

Flint also pled guilty to two counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Stolen Firearm for separate offenses that happened in 2018 where Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a narcotics investigation. On two separate occasions, Flint was observed selling narcotics to various individuals. A stolen firearm was also located during one of the investigations.

Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Involving Death is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by a special sentence of 3-14 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by two years of Mandatory Supervised Release. Flint was sentenced to the maximum term of 14 years which will be served at 85%.

Aggravated Reckless Driving is a Class 4 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Correction followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised



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Release. Flint was sentenced to 3 years to run concurrent with his other sentence and be served at 50%.

Delivery of a Controlled Substance is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by one year of Mandatory Supervised Release. Flint was sentenced to two 6 year terms in the Department of Corrections which will run concurrent to his other sentences and be served at 50%.

Possession of a Stolen Firearm is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by one year of Mandatory Supervised Release. Flint was sentenced to 6 years to run concurrent with his other sentences and be served at 50%.

The Winnebago Boone County Integrity Task Force conducted the crash investigation in this case. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the drug investigations in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Taylor Nesbit handled the prosecution.

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