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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Nakeithian C. Johnson (DOB: 1/4/1991)** was sentenced today to 65 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of First Degree Murder by the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer.

In the early morning hours of Oct 8, 2020, Nakeithian Johnson, and three other men, Dory Love, Brandon Taylor and Thomas Hawkins committed a home invasion at a residence in the 1300 block of 15th Avenue. When the co-defendants did not locate what they wanted during the home invasion, they made one of the occupants of the residence call another individual to bring drugs to the residence. That individual asked his mother, Tammy Gonzalez, to give him a ride to the residence. When they arrived, the defendant, Nakeithian Johnson fired a shot at the vehicle, hitting and killing Tammy Gonzalez.

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 18 months of Mandatory Supervised Release. This charge carries an additional 15 year sentence because the defendant was armed with a firearm during the commission of the crime. The sentence must be served at 100%.

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

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