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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Roland R. Breault (DOB: 8/2/1963)** was found guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter after a jury trial before the Honorable Judge John Gibbons. Breault was found not guilty of First Degree Murder.

On May 31, 2016, Loves Park Police responded to the 1800 block of Windsor Road for a business alarm at Advanced Medical Rehab Center. Upon arrival, officers were redirected to 700 Block Windsor Road where they located an adult male in the front passenger seat of a vehicle, suffering from stab wounds. The victim, later identified as Joseph Pendergrass, was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. During the follow up investigation, detectives discovered that Pendergrass was stabbed during a physical altercation with the defendant, Roland Breault.

Breault was released from custody. He is scheduled to be back in court on August 2, 2024 before Judge Gibbons in Courtroom A of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

Involuntary Manslaughter is a Class 3 Felony and is punishable by a sentence of 2-5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The Loves Park Police Department and Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation in this case.

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