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Winnebago County State's Attorney Marilyn Hite Ross announces that the Winnebago Boone County Integrity Task Force Investigation on the in-custody death of **Eugene Washington (DOB: 9/9/1984)** has been completed.

Eugene Washington was arrested for the offense of Aggravated Battery, Domestic Battery, and Violation of Order of Protection and was incarcerated in the Winnebago County Jail on September 19, 2019. On Monday, October 28, 2019 Correction Officers found inmate, Eugene Washington unresponsive in his cell after his cell mate called for assistance with a medical emergency. Correction Officers initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Washington until jail medical staff and paramedics arrived. Once medical staff arrived, additional life saving measures were employed on Washington; however, Washington remained unresponsive. Washington was transported by the Rockford Fire Department to Swedish American Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. An autopsy was conducted and the cause of death was attributed to a cardiac arrhythmia caused by sleep apnea. The investigation was reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and it was determined that Washington died as a result of cardiac arrhythmia caused by sleep apnea.

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