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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Edmond Lilly (DOB: 3/1/1992)** was found guilty of First Degree Murder with a firearm enhancement after a three day jury trial before the Honorable Judge Ronald White.

On August 1, 2019, Rockford Police responded to the 1200 block of 8th Street for a shot spotter alert. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male, later identified as Antonio Thompson, who had been shot eight times and was pronounced dead at the scene. During the course of the investigation, Detectives identified the defendant, Edmond Lilly, as the suspect. In March of 2024, Detectives made contact with one of the witnesses from this case, who advised they had actually seen Lilly shoot Thompson, but they had been too afraid to say anything at the time. On the stand, the witness described how they watched the murder through the window of the apartment. The witness said they heard shots fired and saw Thompson running up the sidewalk to the apartment complex. They said Thompson fell down on the front steps then Lilly came up on the porch and shot Thompson in the back of the head. Lilly testified and identified himself on a neighbor's surveillance video which showed him fleeing the scene at the time the shots were fired.

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. Due to the firearm enhancement, the offense is punishable by an additional 25 years to Life sentence in the Department of Corrections.

Lilly is scheduled to be back in court on February 19, 2026 before Judge White in Courtroom 316 of the Winnebago County Courthouse.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Mark Mitacek and First Assistant Ken LaRue are handling the prosecution.

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