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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Shatay L. Barney (DOB: 3/27/1994)** was found guilty of Aggravated Battery after a bench trial before the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer.

On May 2, 2023, Rockford Police Officers responded to an apartment in the 3500 block of Elm Street for a stabbing. Upon arrival, Officers located a female victim with a severe wound to her torso and part of her intestines hanging out. Officers learned that the victim went with a friend to drop her children off at the bus stop. While at the stop, the victim got into a fight with the defendant Shatay Barney. During the fight, Barney attacked the victim. The victim had slicing wounds to her face, bicep and abdomen. She had to have surgery, where it was determined she suffered from a lacerated liver and her appendix had to be removed.

Aggravated Battery is a Class 3 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 2-5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by 6 months of mandatory supervised release.

Barney is scheduled to be sentenced on November 13, 2025, before Judge Schafer in Courtroom 317 of the Winnebago County Courthouse.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Emily Palmer is handling the prosecution.

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