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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that in exchange for a guilty plea, the Honorable Judge Ronald White sentenced **Donquez O. Ashford (DOB: 12/19/1994)** to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for two Class X Felony counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance. The defendant will also be on mandatory supervised release for 18 months after he is released from prison.

On January 26, 2026, members of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department's narcotics unit conducted an investigation after reports that the defendant, Donquez Ashford, was selling drugs. Deputies observed Ashford exchange drugs for money at a business in the 3600 block of East State Street. During Ashford's arrest, deputies located more than 28 grams of a white rock like substance that field tested positive for cocaine in his vehicle. They also found more than \$2,700 in cash on him.

Then, in September of 2026, Sheriff's Police observed the defendant selling suspected narcotics in the area of the Blackhawk Ridge Apartment Complex. Members of the Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at an apartment in the Complex and located Ashford in a bedroom. Police located \$5,000 in the pocket of Ashford's jacket.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigations in these cases. Assistant State's Attorney Steve Gregorowicz handled the prosecution.

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