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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Phillip Nicolosi sentenced **Tyrone Cochran (DOB: 1/21/1993)** to a total of 14 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections as part of a negotiated guilty plea to Aggravated Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident and Aggravated Reckless Driving. Cochran will also be on mandatory supervised release for one year after he is released from prison.

On June 20, 2025, Rockford Police Officers were dispatched to a hit-and-run crash that occurred at the intersection of N. 2nd Street and Ethel Avenue. Dispatch advised that there were multiple calls that a female had been hit by a vehicle that then left the scene. It was later learned that the victim was a 15 year old on a bicycle, who was crossing at the intersection when she was hit by a blue Dodge Neon. The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and ran the red light when it struck the victim. The driver drove away from the scene south on N. 2nd Street. The victim was transported to the hospital to be treated for a broken leg. The Rockford Police Intelligence Unit was working on identifying the Dodge Neon through installed license plate readers and camera systems. Detectives determined that the owner and driver of the Dodge Neon at the time of this crash was the defendant, Tyrone Cochran.

Aggravated Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by an extended term sentence of 3-14 years in the Illinois Department of Correction followed by a year of mandatory supervised release. Cochran was sentenced to 8 years in prison for this offense.

Aggravated Reckless Driving is a Class 4 Felony that is punishable by an extended term sentence of 1-6 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Cochran was sentenced to the max term of 6 years for this offense. The sentences will run consecutively.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Lesner handled the prosecution.



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