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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**State's Attorney J. Hanley**

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Antwone M. Lee (DOB: 11/10/1996)** plead guilty to one count of Second Degree Murder and was sentenced to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in front of the Honorable Judge Scott Paccagnini.

On January 1, 2021, at approximately 6:25 am, the defendant shot and killed Herman Bowser at the intersection of Brown Ave and Church St. The surveillance video from homes in the area showed a silver 2008 Honda Civic carrying the defendant, chasing and shooting at a silver 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer (driven by the victim) for several blocks. The evidence recovered indicates the defendant chased the victim's car until the victim's car crashed at the intersection of Brown Ave. and N. Church Street. Evidence recovered at the scene matched the defendant's DNA.

Second Degree Murder is a special Class 1 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 4-20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by two years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. First Assistant State's Attorney Ken LaRue handled the prosecution.

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