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INFORMATION: MURDER INVESTIGATION		
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On Monday, December 10, 2018 at approximately 1:20 p.m., the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to the 9200 block of Knapp Rd. in rural Winnebago County for a deceased male. Deputies found a deceased male off the roadway in a tree line. It appeared as if the male was intentionally disposed of at this location and did not live in the area.

An autopsy was performed by the Winnebago County Coroner's Office and the victim was identified as Jamie R. Stephens (age 31) of Rockford and the cause of death was due to several gunshot wounds.

On January 23, 2019, Winnebago County State's Attorney Marilyn Hite Ross authorized charges and Detectives obtained an arrest warrant. Detectives located the suspect, arrested him and lodged him on the warrant in the Winnebago County Jail in lieu of \$2,000,000 bond. The following person was charged:

~Nickles T. Parks 4/22/92 of Rockford

- First Degree Murder**
- Armed Robbery**
- Concealing a Homicidal Death**

The charges against Parks are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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