

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2019-059
INFORMATION: MURDER		
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On 11/23/2019 at approximately 10:30 PM the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to the 5100 block of Simpson Road in unincorporated Rockford, Illinois for a fight in progress. Upon arrival deputies located two victims of an aggravated battery who were then transported to the hospital for treatment. One victim was treated and released while the other victim was listed in critical condition. The responding deputies detained two suspects at the scene. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau responded to the scene to take over the investigation. As a result of this investigation the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office authorized charges for the following suspects:

-Joseph Wayne Benjamin DOB 03/19/1989 of Rockford
 Aggravated Battery While Using a Deadly Weapon
 Aggravated Battery Causing Great Bodily Harm
 Mob Action

-Clarence James Benjamin DOB 09/08/1994 of Rockford
 Two counts of Aggravated Battery While Using a Deadly Weapon
 Aggravated Battery Causing Great Bodily Harm
 Mob Action

On 11/27/2019 The Winnebago County Coroner's Office was notified that the victim Albert Perez 28 years old of Rockford had succumbed to his injuries. This incident is still under investigation and pending further review with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office.

The charges against these suspects are merely accusations and they are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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