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Rock Falls Man Arrested on Multiple Drug and Gun Charges

On April 27, 2020, at approximately 12:25pm, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit was in the area of 8th Street and Willis Avenue when they observed a male standing near a vehicle with a gun in his hand. The male, was later identified as Winston R. Wilbanks of Rock Falls, Illinois. As Deputies approached they observed Wilbanks put the handgun into his vehicle and attempt to walk away. A short time later, Wilbanks was taken into custody. Deputies located a loaded .40 caliber handgun in plain view in the suspect's vehicle. After conducting a search, Deputies also located a large amount of Cocaine, Ecstasy, Fentanyl, Heroin and Tramadol pills. Wilbanks was wanted on a warrant out of Dixon for Aggravated Domestic Battery.

The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and authorized the following charge:

Winston R. Wilbanks, 33, Rock Falls, IL

- Armed Habitual Criminal
- Armed Violence
- Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine (15-100 GRAMS)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Ecstasy (15-200 PILLS)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Fentanyl (1-15 GRAMS)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin (1-15 GRAMS)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Resisting a Peace Officer
- Dixon Police Department Arrest Warrant (BOND \$200,000 10%)

Wilbanks is currently in custody at the Winnebago County Jail. The charges against Wilbanks are merely allegations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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