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Rockford Man Arrested After Narcotics Investigation

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department received complaints regarding the sale of narcotics at various locations throughout Winnebago County. After an investigation, a suspect was identified as being the source of the narcotics complaints. On July 28, 2020 at approximately 9:00am, members of the Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit and Rockford Police Department Narcotics Unit arrested James L. Brown on an unrelated warrant at an apartment in the 300 block of Gramercy Court in Rockford. During a subsequent search of the apartment, deputies located almost \$30,000 in U.S. currency, a large amount of cocaine, fentanyl and a loaded FN Five-Seven handgun. Brown is currently on parole from the Illinois Department of Corrections for a previous narcotics conviction. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and authorized the following charges:

James L. Brown (DOB: 7/18/1992) of Rockford, Illinois

- Delivery of a Controlled Substance (1-15 Grams)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance(15-100 Grams)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance(1-15 Grams)
- Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon

The charges against James L. Brown are merely allegations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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