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ROCKFORD MAN ARRESTED AFTER NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION

Over the past month, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police received information from the community regarding a subject dealing narcotics in the Rockford area. During this investigation, Sheriff's Police identified Emmanuel Thornton as a suspect.

On Tuesday, January 25, 2022, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police Narcotics Unit took Thornton into custody in the 4500 block of Governors Drive. During this investigation, a large amount of Ecstasy pills, a loaded firearm, and USC were recovered.

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

Emmanuel D. Thornton (DOB: 11/25/1994) of Rockford, IL

- 1 count of Possession with intent to deliver of 600 – 1500 pills of Ecstasy. Class X Felony
- 1 count of Unlawful Possession of Firearm by a Felon. Class 3 Felony

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

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