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ROCKFORD MAN CHARGED WITH LARGE AMOUNT OF NARCOTICS & STOLEN FIREARM

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department has been receiving complaints from the community regarding a subject dealing narcotics in the Rockford area. After an investigation, that individual was identified as Elijah J. Moore. On Friday, April 21st, 2023 the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant in the 2200 block of 19th Avenue and took Elijah Moore into custody. A large amount of cocaine, fentanyl, and marijuana was located inside the residence. A firearm was also located inside the residence that had been reported stolen.

"We are committed to bringing those involved in illegal drug trafficking to justice and making our communities safer," said Sheriff Gary Caruana. "This operation sends a strong message that narcotics trafficking will not be tolerated, and we will continue to work tirelessly to protect our communities from the devastating effects of illegal drugs."

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

Elijah J. Moore (24 years old) of Rockford, IL

- 1 count of manufacture/deliver 100<400 grams of cocaine
- 1 count of manufacture/deliver 1<15 grams of fentanyl
- 1 count of a felon possess/use firearm
- 1 count of possession of a stolen firearm
- 1 count of manufacture/deliver 500<2000 grams cannabis

The charge against Elijah J. Moore is merely accusation and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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