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Narcotics Investigation Leads to Arrest, Seizure of Cocaine and Loaded Handgun

For the past several months, members of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit have been receiving information about a subject selling large amounts of cocaine in the Winnebago County area. Since receiving this information, they were able to identify this subject as Devion L. Fair of Rockford, Illinois. On Monday, October 5th, 2026, deputies and detectives located Devion Fair sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle parked in the area of North Court Street and Fulton Avenue. Fair was taken into custody and deputies located a loaded 9mm handgun on the driver's seat underneath him. Inside the vehicle, they located 126 grams of cocaine and over \$17,000 cash. In the backseat of the vehicle, they located a 2-year-old child in a car seat.

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

Devion L. Fair (age 24) of Rockford, Illinois

- Armed Violence
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine 100-400 Grams
- Endangering the Life/Health of a Child

Fair was transported to the Winnebago County Jail and lodged. Deputies contacted Illinois Department of Children & Family Services for the child.

"Every family in Winnebago County deserves a safe neighborhood and every child deserves to be protected," said Sheriff Gary Caruana. "A loaded handgun and cocaine in a vehicle with a two-year-old child underscore why this work matters. I'm proud of our Deputies and Narcotics Unit for their relentless efforts. Under my leadership, we will continue to make public safety our highest priority targeting drug trafficking, pursuing accountability and protecting the families we serve."

The charges against Devion L. Fair are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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