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## News Release

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### **JANESVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER**

On Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 0430a.m. hours, a Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy was in the area of Machesney Park Elementary School when they heard several gunshots coming from nearby. As the deputy searched the area, a 911 call came in to report a gunshot victim at an apartment in the 1000 block of Minns Drive. The deputy then observed a vehicle leaving that area and conducted a traffic stop. The deputy spoke to the driver and only occupant, Meovonte Cooper. A Glock 9mm handgun was located on the passenger side floorboard of the vehicle.

Several Winnebago County Deputies, along with officers from the Loves Park Police Department, responded to the apartment in the 1000 block of Minns Drive where they located a 21-year old male suffering from a gunshot wound to the back. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was in critical condition.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Detectives were called in to conduct an investigation. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office later reviewed the facts of this case and authorized the following charges:

#### **Meovonte L. Cooper (22 years old) of Janesville, Wisconsin**

- Attempted First Degree Murder
- Aggravated Battery with a Firearm
- Unlawful Use of Weapons

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

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