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Rockford Man charged in Narcotics and Firearm Arrest

For the past several months, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, with the assistance of the DEA Rockford Office, has been investigating an individual selling large amounts of narcotics in the Rockford area. The narcotics unit was able to identify the suspect as Patrick Gibson from Rockford, IL. On September 16th, 2022 Patrick was taken into custody in the 300 block of South Alpine. Search warrants were conducted in the 3200 block of Orleans Avenue and the 1200 block of Clover Avenue. As a result of this investigation, approximately 500 grams of fentanyl, 60 grams of cocaine, and 7 firearms were seized. One of the firearms was stolen out of the City of Rockford.

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

Patrick L. Gipson (DOB: 10/24/1975) of Rockford, IL

- 1 count Possession with intent to deliver 400 to 900 grams of fentanyl.
- 2 counts of Possession with intent to deliver 15-100 grams of cocaine.
- 1 count Possession with intent to deliver 30-500 grams of cannabis.
- 1 count Possession of a stolen firearm.
- 2 counts Unlawful use of a weapon by a felon.

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

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