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NARCOTICS ARREST MADE AFTER TRAFFIC STOP

On May 19, 2026, at approximately 8:20 p.m., a Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of State Street and Mulford Road for multiple traffic violations. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was identified as Cesar Rodriguez-Robles.

During the investigation, deputies discovered Rodriguez-Robles was driving on a suspended license and had an active Winnebago County warrant. A Winnebago County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit responded to the scene, and the K-9 alerted to the odor of narcotics inside the vehicle. Deputies subsequently conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered more than 10 pounds of a crystal-like substance that tested positive for methamphetamine.

Sheriff Gary Caruana praised the deputies involved, stating, "This arrest is another example of the outstanding proactive police work being done every day by the men and women of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. What began as a traffic stop quickly led to the removal of a significant amount of dangerous narcotics from our community. I commend the deputies and K-9 team for their vigilance, professionalism, and commitment to keeping Winnebago County safe."

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

Cesar Rodriguez-Robles (40 years old) of Rockford, IL

1 COUNT MFG/DEL 900+ GRAM METHAMPHETAMINE

1 COUNT DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

1 COUNT WINDOW TREAT ADJACENT/DRVR

The charges against Cesar Rodriguez-Robles are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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