



# Winnebago County Sheriff's Department



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## News Release

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### **NARCOTICS ARREST**

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit has been conducting an investigation into the illegal sale of narcotics by an individual in the Rockford area. The investigation revealed that individual as William Spears.

On Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 Winnebago County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit located Spears in the 2000 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and he was taken into custody. Spears had cocaine on his person when he was taken into custody.

The investigation led to a search warrant being executed at his residence in the 2700 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Inside the residence, deputies located cocaine and a loaded LLAMA 9mm handgun.

Further investigation led to a storage unit in the 4000 block of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street. A search warrant was executed on the storage unit and deputies located a large amount of cocaine with a large amount of United States currency.

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

**William Spears (66 years old) of Rockford, IL**

- 1 COUNT FELON POSS/USE WEAPON/FIREARM
- 1 COUNT FIREARM/FOID INVALID/NOT ELIG
- 1 COUNT MFG/DEL 400<900 GR COCA/ANLG
- 1 COUNT MFG/DEL 100<400 GR COCA/ANLG
- 2 COUNTs MFG/DEL 1<15 GR COCAINE/ANLG

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

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