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ADDITIONAL CHARGES IN TJ MAXX INVESTIGATION

On February 28, 2026, deputies from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office responded to TJ Maxx, located at 1009 West Lane Road in Machesney Park, after a customer reported finding a video camera inside a women's dressing room.

During the investigation, store manager Jeffrey L. Wallin was identified as a suspect. On March 4, 2026, Wallin was charged with Unauthorized Video Recording and Live Video Transmission, as well as Obstructing Justice/Destruction of Evidence.

As part of the investigation, electronic evidence was collected and reviewed. Based on that review, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office asked the public to come forward if they had any additional information regarding TJ Maxx in an effort to locate any further victims.

As a result of this ongoing investigation, detectives received new information and identified more victims. Detectives reviewed this information with the Winnebago County State's Attorney Office who authorized the following additional charges against Wallin:

- 5 Counts of Unauthorized Video Recording with Victim under 18 years of age
- 4 Counts of Unauthorized Video Recording and Live Video Transmission
- Obstructing Justice/Destroy Evidence
- Burglary

On Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, Wallin was lodged in the Winnebago County Jail on the new charges. The charges against Wallin are allegations only and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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