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ROCKFORD INDIVIDUALS CHARGED AFTER NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION

In May 2025, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit began receiving information about individuals selling large amounts of fentanyl and cocaine in the Rockford, Illinois area. After an investigation, these individuals were identified as Jerickoe D. Simmons and Cornealious K. Wells. On Thursday, July 24th, Jerickoe Simmons was located in the 1100 block of Elm Street and taken into custody. Deputies located 140 grams of cocaine in his vehicle. The investigation led deputies to a residence in the 300 block of North Avon Street where a search warrant was conducted. Inside of the residence, deputies located Cornealious Wells. During a search of the residence, deputies located over 2,300 grams of suspected cocaine, approximately 850 grams of suspected fentanyl, 190 grams of suspected heroin, and drug packaging materials. Deputies also located firearm ammunition and a large amount of United States currency. The Winnebago County States Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and authorized the following charges:

Cornealious K. Wells (age 49) of Rockford, IL.

- Possession with Intent to Deliver 400-900 grams of Fentanyl
- Possession with Intent to Deliver over 900 grams of Cocaine
- Possession with Intent to Deliver 100-400 grams of Heroin
- Possession of Ammunition without requisite Firearm Owner's Identification Card

Jerickoe D. Simmons (age 38) of Rockford, IL.

- Possession with Intent to Deliver 100-400 grams of Cocaine
- Delivery of 15-100 grams of Cocaine

The charges against Simmons and Wells are merely accusations and they are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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