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## News Release

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### **Rockford Man Arrested for Murder of Rockford Woman**

On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at approximately 11:45am, Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 5900 Block of Cunningham Road where they located the body of a deceased adult female. The female was identified as Rachel Dishman, 43 of Rockford. Dishman was reported missing on October 25, 2020. An autopsy conducted on October 28, 2020, by the Winnebago County Coroner's Office determined that Dishman died of blunt force trauma to the head. Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Detectives conducted an investigation and developed Joseph G. Peppers as a suspect. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the investigation and authorized the following charges:

#### **Joseph G. Peppers (DOB: 10/19/1983) of Rockford, Illinois**

- First Degree Murder
- Aggravated Domestic Battery
- Concealment of a Homicidal Death

Peppers is currently in custody at the Winnebago County Jail on \$5 million bond.

The charges against Joseph G. Peppers are merely allegations and Mr. Peppers is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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