

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
WHITESIDE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

vs

KYLE M. COOPER,  
Defendant

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NO. 25CF57

**FILED**  
CIRCUIT COURT WHITESIDE COUNTY

MAY 22 2025

*Heuerman*  
CIRCUIT CLERK

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FACTS

Crime for which convicted: 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE MURDER

Date of conviction: May 22, 2025

Date of sentence: May 22, 2025

State's Attorney: Ryan O. Simon

Defense Counsel: James Mertes

Judge: Honorable James F. Heuerman

Sentence: twenty (20) years with credit for 97 days served in the Whiteside County Jail as of May 22, 2025.

Previous criminal record: see attached

Facts of crime: On February 13, 2025 DJ Gordon sent [REDACTED] a text that he knew the Defendant, Kyle Cooper was at The Corner Tap and he wanted to confront him. [REDACTED] gave DJ a ride to The Corner Tap where DJ entered and confronted the Defendant by pushing him. The two exchanged verbal arguments with one another and DJ was escorted out. Approximately two hours later while DJ and [REDACTED] were out at a bar, [REDACTED] called the Defendant and began to have a conversation with him. DJ overheard their conversation and DJ and the Defendant, again, began arguing with one another. After that exchange ended, [REDACTED] decided to go to her friend [REDACTED] house to get her so they could go play cards. [REDACTED] decided to drive past the Defendant's house on the way. While doing so DJ saw the Defendant outside and called him a "bitch". After hearing this the Defendant entered his vehicle and followed [REDACTED] and DJ. They arrived at [REDACTED] house located at 601 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, and as they did the Defendant exited his vehicle and approached [REDACTED] vehicle, fearful that the Defendant was going to damage her vehicle she yelled at him to get away. The Defendant then

turned his attention towards [REDACTED] and began arguing with her and pushed her. When DJ observed this he exited the vehicle and he and the Defendant began fist-fighting each other. During the fist fight a bladed knife-like instrument was produced and was used against DJ Gordon. [REDACTED] and the Defendant's brother, [REDACTED], pulled the Defendant off of DJ and at that time the Defendant fled to his vehicle and left the scene. [REDACTED] called 911 and officers as well as EMT's arrived on scene. DJ Gordon was taken to CGH Medical Center and despite life saving measures, he ultimately passed away. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed and identified through a photo lineup the Defendant, Kyle Cooper, as the individual they observed arrive at [REDACTED] house and who was fighting with DJ. A forensic pathologist examined DJ Gordon and determined the cause of death was a stab wound to the abdomen which struck the iliac artery and/or vein which caused DJ Gordon to bleed out. Officers were able to locate and search the vehicle belonging to the Defendant and inside they located a knife. The Defendant presented himself to the Whiteside County Sheriff's Office within hours after the incident.

COLLEEN BUCKWALTER  
STATE'S ATTORNEY

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RYAN O. SIMON

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[REDACTED]

Name ID = D0061773

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Defendant#: D0061773

DOB: 01/05/89 SSN: 349-82-3340 DL#: C160-5138-9005 IL DOC#:

Alias:

CASE #	DEFENDANT NAME	OPEN DTE	CLOSE	CSTY	DISP	M/F/I	AGE	NEXT	COURT#
									CASE DATE
SA07-0647 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	02/23/07	08/22/07	COM	FINE	M	181	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
02/23/07	08/22/07	07CM154ST	A		POSS/CONSUME LIQUOR BY MINOR	\$100+			
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SA07-1437 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	04/18/07	05/27/09	COM	DSM	M	770	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
04/18/07	08/22/07	07CM206ST	A		POSS/CONSUME LIQUOR BY MINOR	18 MOS PROB, \$200+, E & T			
12/11/07	03/18/08	07CM206ST	Z		VIOL. OF PROBATION	ADMIT, 4 DAYS JAIL, REMAIN ON PROBATION			
02/13/09	05/27/09	07CM206ST	Z		VIOL. OF PROBATION	DSM			
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SA07-3424 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	08/31/07	03/18/08	TRF	JAIL	M	200	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
08/31/07	03/18/08	07TR9766ST	A		DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED	4 DAYS JAIL			
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SA07-3895 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	10/03/07	03/18/08	COM	DSM	M	167	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
10/03/07	03/18/08	07CM573ST	A	1	RESIST/PEACE OFFICER/CORR EMP	DSM PER PLEA AGREEMENT			
10/03/07	03/18/08	07CM573ST	A	2	POSS/CONSUME LIQUOR BY MINOR	DSM			
10/03/07	03/18/08	07CM573ST	A	3	POSS/CONSUME LIQUOR BY MINOR	DSM			
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SA09-2512 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	07/16/09	07/30/09	TRF	CD	M	15	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
07/16/09	07/30/09	09TR6657	A		DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED	12 MONTHS CD, 10 DAYS JAIL, 100 HRS			
07/16/09	07/30/09	09TR6659	U		OPERATE UNINSURED MTR VEHICLE	PSE			
07/16/09	07/30/09	09TR6660	P		REGIS EXPIRATION/1ST & 2ND	\$500 TOTAL			
DISMISSED									
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SA11-0388 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	02/07/11	05/23/11	PERS	CD	M	106	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
02/07/11	05/23/11	11CM32ST	A		BATTERY/CAUSE BODILY HARM	12 MOS CD, \$200+			
08/04/11	11/09/11	11CM32ST	Z		VIOL. OF CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE	ADMIT, REVOKE, 10 DAYS JAIL			
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SA11-2407 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	08/03/11	11/09/11	PERS	DSM	M	99	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
08/03/11	11/09/11	11CM277ST	A	1	AGG ASLT/DDLY WEAP/AIR RIFLE	DSM			
08/03/11	11/09/11	11CM277ST	A	2	BATTERY/MAKES PHYSICAL CONTACT	DSM			
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SA13-1923 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	07/12/13	08/06/13	TRF-P	FINE	I	26	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
07/12/13	08/06/13	13TR4256ST	U		OPERATE UNINSURED MTR VEHICLE	DSM			
07/12/13	08/06/13	13TR4257ST	P		SEAT BELT REQUIRED/DRIVER	\$60 TOTAL			

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CASE DATE									
SA15-3579 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	12/15/15	03/09/16	TRF	CS	M	85	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
12/15/15	01/04/17	15DT266ST	A		DRVG UNDER INFLU OF ALCOHOL	24 MOS CS, \$1500+, 100 HRS PSE			
12/15/15	04/13/16	15TR7340ST	P		STOP/STAND/PARK/NON-BUS DIST	DISMISSED			
12/15/15	04/13/16	15TR7345ST	P		TRANSP/CARRY ALC LIQ/DRIVER	\$120+			
09/22/16	01/04/17	15DT266ST	Z		VIOL. OF COURT SUPERVISION	24 MOS CS			
01/19/17	01/10/18	15DT266ST	Z		VIOL. OF COURT SUPERVISION	ADMITS VOCS, \$300 ADDL FINE			
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SA16-2386 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	09/01/16	01/04/17	PERS	JAIL	M	126	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
09/01/16	01/04/17	16CM293	A	1	VIOLATE ORDER PROTECTION	JAIL;200+			
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SA17-0075 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	01/11/17	11/08/17	PERS	NG	M	302	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
01/11/17	11/08/17	17CM9ST	A		BATTERY/CAUSE BODILY HARM	NOT GUILTY			
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SA19-1145 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	06/13/19	06/25/19	COM	NOTE	M	13	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
06/13/19	06/25/19		P		UNLWFL VISITATION INTERFERENCE	NOT FILED			
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SA20-1892 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	09/16/20	06/30/21	PROP	DSM	F	288	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
09/16/20	06/30/21	20CF295	4	1	CRIM DMG TO PROP \$500-10K	DISMISSED			
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SA20-2591 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	11/24/20	12/30/20	TRF-P	DSM	I	37	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
11/24/20	12/30/20	20TR5001ST	P		OPERATE UNINSURED MTR VEHICLE	DISMISSED			
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SA21-0740 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	04/05/21	06/02/21	PERS	DSM	M	59	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
04/05/21	06/02/21	21CM58	A		DOMESTIC BTRY/PHYSICAL CONTACT	DISMISSED			
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SA21-1761 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	07/26/21	07/28/21	TRF-P	CS	I	3	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
07/26/21	07/28/21	20TR2384ST	P		DRIVING 15-20 MPH ABOVE LIMIT	12 MONTHS CS; \$120+			
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SA21-1762 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	07/26/21	07/28/21	TRF-P	FINE	I	3	00/00/00	
***C H A R G E S:***									
OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION			
07/26/21	07/28/21	20TR2570ST	P		SEAT BELT REQUIRED/DRIVER	\$25+			
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SA21-1763 -01	COOPER, KYLE M.	07/26/21	07/28/21	TRF-P	FINE	I	3	00/00/00	

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07/26/21	07/28/21	20TR3563ST	P		DRIVING 11-14 MPH ABOVE LIMIT	\$120+

SA21-2688	-01	COOPER, KYLE M.	11/08/21	11/18/21	INVS NOTF O	11 00/00/00
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SA21-2985	-01	COOPER, KYLE M.	12/14/21	12/17/21	TRF-P DSM I	4 00/00/00
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OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION
12/14/21	12/17/21	21TR6038	P		OPERATE UNINSURED MTR VEHICLE	DISMISSED - PROOF

SA22-2946	-01	COOPER, KYLE M.	11/03/22	07/19/23	TRF CS M	259 00/00/00
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OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION
11/03/22	07/19/23	22MT760	A		DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED	24 MONTHS C/S, 300 HOURS PSE, \$250+
12/17/24	05/22/25	22MT760	Z		VIOL. OF COURT SUPERVISION	DISMISSED

SA25-0282	-01	COOPER, KYLE M.	02/14/25	05/22/25	PERS DOC F	98 00/00/00
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OPEN	CLOSE	COURT#	CLASS	CNT	OFFENSE	DISPOSITION
02/18/25	05/22/25	25CF57	M	1	MURDER/STRONG PROB KILL/INJURE	NOLLE PROSEQUI
02/18/25	05/22/25	25CF57	3	2	AGG BATTERY/USE DEADLY WEAPON	NOLLE PROSEQUI
02/18/25	05/22/25	25CF57	3	3	AGG BATTERY/GREAT BODILY HARM	NOLLE PROSEQUI
05/20/25	05/22/25	25CF57	1	4	2ND DEGREE MURDER/PROVOCATION	20 YEARS DOC

CASES SELECTED: OPEN &amp; CLOSED ALL juvenile &amp; ADULT inactive &amp; ACTIVE ALL FELONY/MISD/INFR/OTH CASE TYPE: ALL

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TOTAL NUMBER CASES PRINTED : 22