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CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Theft from Motor Vehicle
DATE/TIME: 10/07/2022 6:30 p.m. – 10/11/2022 8:20 a.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Mannheim Road
REPORT #: 22-26942

The victim's Honda CR-V was parked in a lot in the 3000 Block of S. Mannheim Road during the above time period when the Unknown Offender(s) stole the catalytic converter. The vehicle was parked in the south end of the lot at the time of the theft.

OFFENSE: Theft from Motor Vehicle
DATE/TIME: 10/08/2022 11:00 a.m. – 10/10/2022 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: 600 Block of E. Touhy Avenue
REPORT #: 22-26962

The victim's Toyota Prius was parked on the east side of the lot in the 600 Block of E. Touhy Avenue during the above time period when the Unknown Offender(s) stole the catalytic converter. After the theft, the offender(s) fled the area.

OFFENSE: Burglary to Motor Vehicle
DATE/TIME: 10/10/2022 8:30 p.m. – 10/11/2022 8:45 a.m.
LOCATION: 2200 Block of Elmira Avenue
REPORT #: 22-26989

The victim's Honda Civic was parked in a driveway in the 2200 Block of Elmira Avenue when the Unknown Offender(s) made entry and stole the victim's purse. The victim reported after the incident that the doors to the vehicle were left unlocked and there was miscellaneous items within her purse that were taken.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 10/11/2022 5:55 p.m.
LOCATION: Des Plaines River Road / Central Road
REPORT #: 22-27003

The victim and Unknown Offender were south on Des Plaines River Road in the outside lane approaching Central Road at the red light. The victim reduced speed to stop while the offender failed to do so and struck the victim in the rear bumper. After the accident the



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skinny male offender fled in a black Ford SUV.

OFFENSE: Theft of Mislaid Property
DATE/TIME: 10/12/2022 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: 1500 Block of E. Miner Street
REPORT #: 22-27051

The victim left two bags on a bench on the east side of the building in the 1500 Block of E. Miner Street and stepped away for a brief moment. During that time, the Unknown Offender(s) stole his bags which contained miscellaneous personal items along with a debit card.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 10/13/2022 4:30 a.m.
LOCATION: 200 Block of N. Wolf Road
REPORT #: 22-27140

The Unknown Offender was south on Wolf Road approaching the 200 Block when it left the roadway striking both a sign and a tree on the parkway. After the accident, the offender fled south on Wolf Road leaving behind parts of a black vehicle.

OFFENSE: Theft
DATE/TIME: 10/13/2022 5:13 p.m.
LOCATION: 100 Block of W. Oakton Street
REPORT #: 22-27187

The victim was inside the business in the 100 Block of W. Oakton Street where she left her purse on a cart containing her wallet. A short period of time later, the victim got a notification that the Unknown Offender(s) attempted to use her credit card. It is unknown where or when the offender(s) obtained the card.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 10/13/2022 6:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Des Plaines River Road / Stockton Avenue
REPORT #: 22-27180

Both the victim and the Unknown Offender were traveling south on Des Plaines River Road, the victim in the outside lane while the offender was in the inside. Near the intersection with Stockton Avenue the offender swerved into the victims lane striking the driver's side rear door and tailgate. After the accident the offending small white sedan fled the area.

OFFENSE: Deceptive Practice
DATE/TIME: 10/01/2022 Midnight – 10/11/2022 11:59 p.m.
LOCATION: 1000 Block of E. Oakton Street
REPORT #: 22-27184

The victim mailed a check from either the 1000 Block of E. Oakton Street or the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road when the Unknown Offender(s) intercepted the check. Upon doing so, the amount was altered as well as the payee name and then the check was cashed.



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OFFENSE: Theft from Motor Vehicle
DATE/TIME: 10/06/2022 7:00 a.m. – 10/13/2022 6:50 p.m.
LOCATION: 1200 Block of E. Touhy Avenue
REPORT #: 22-27195

The victim's Honda CR-V was parked during the above time period in a parking lot in the 1200 Block of E. Touhy Avenue when the Unknown Offender(s) stole the catalytic converter. After the theft, the offender(s) fled the area.

ARRESTS:

OFFENSE: Residential Burglary
DATE/TIME: 10/11/2022 1:45 p.m.
LOCATION: 300 Block of Hazel Avenue Glencoe, IL 60022
REPORT#: 21-24606
SUBJECT NAME: Ely, Leo
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/10/1958
ADDRESS: 6035 S. Keating Ave. Chicago, IL 60629

On September 14, 2021 Des Plaines Police responded to the 400 Block of Stratford Road for the report of a residential burglary. When the officers arrived on scene, they spoke with the victims who stated that an unknown male subject knocked on the front door of the residence and was then directed to the inside rear of the house. The male subject advised he worked for ComEd and needed to fix cables in the backyard due to a fire in the neighborhood. During this time, it was believed a second unknown subject entered the residence and stole a safe from one of the rooms within the house. At the time, an evidence technician processed the scene and collected samples from around the house and the investigation was turned over to the Detective Bureau for follow up.

During the course of the next several months, a DNA sample that was submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab came back positive for the above subject, Leo Ely. On October 11, 2022 Des Plaines Police Detectives were contacted by the Glencoe Police Department in reference to Ely. GPD advised they had Ely at the station when DPPD then traveled to them and took custody of him. After transporting Ely back to DPPD, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office was contacted who approved felony charges on him. Ely was subsequently arrested for one felony count of Residential Burglary and was transported to the courthouse for bond hearing the following day.





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OFFENSE: Domestic Battery
DATE/TIME: 10/13/2022 7:38 p.m.
LOCATION: 2100 Block of E. Touhy Avenue
REPORT#: 22-27196
SUBJECT NAME: Melendez, Brahyan
DATE OF BIRTH: 08/20/1994
ADDRESS: 2175 E. Touhy Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the report of a battery in the 2100 Block of E. Touhy Avenue where it was reported that the female victim had visible bruising on her person. When the officers arrived, they spoke with the caller who stated that she heard screaming coming from room registered the victim and the subject, Brahyan Melendez. In addition, another party also advised that the victim admitted to being struck by Melendez. While speaking with the victim she stated that her and Melendez are in a relationship and an argument ensued on October 10, 2022. During the argument, Melendez reportedly kicked, pushed and hit the victim multiple times. Melendez was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was given his Miranda Warnings. After doing so, Melendez agreed to provide the officers with a statement where he provided different accounts of what happened before saying that the victim was the aggressor. There were no markings on Melendez to verify his version of the events. Melendez was subsequently arrested for Domestic Battery and transported to the courthouse for bond hearing the following day.

Please remember that although a person may be charged with a crime, a charge is merely an Accusation, and the person is innocent until proven guilty.