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# CRIME REPORT

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### NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

**OFFENSE:** Criminal Damage to Property  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/25/2023 4:00 p.m. – 05/26/2023 7:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 0-100 Block of Mary Street  
**REPORT #:** 23-12594

The Unknown Offender(s) entered onto the property in the 0-100 Block of Mary Street and broke the outer layer of a two-pane glass door on the south side of the building. It did not appear that the interior pane was damaged at all or that the offender(s) were able to gain entry.

**OFFENSE:** Hit and Run Accident  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/26/2023 5:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1000 Block of Howard Avenue  
**REPORT #:** 23-12641

The victim's vehicle was parked on the east side of a lot in the 1000 Block of Howard Avenue when the Unknown Offender backed into the victim's rear bumper. The offending silver Jeep Patriot then fled the parking lot onto Koehler Drive and wasn't seen after.

**OFFENSE:** Burglary to Motor Vehicle / Criminal Trespass to Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/27/2023 3:15 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 500 Block of Trailside Lane  
**REPORT #:** 23-12686

The victim's Lexus LS430 and Subaru Impreza were both parked by their residence in the 500 Block of Trailside Lane when the Unknown Offender(s) entered the Lexus and Subaru. The victim related that both vehicles were unlocked and that the interiors were ransacked. A wallet was discovered to be stolen out of the Lexus and there appeared to be nothing missing from the Subaru.

**OFFENSE:** Identity Theft  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/26/2023 2:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1600 Block of Henry Avenue  
**REPORT #:** 23-12719



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The Unknown Offender, posing as a representative from the victim's banking institution, stated that there was fraudulent activity on her account. The offender sent the victim a "verification code" and had the victim repeat it back to him and verified her personal information. Later it was learned that the offender used the code and the information to access the victim's account and make a transaction of approximately \$67.00.

**OFFENSE:** Retail Theft  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/27/2023 2:55 p.m. / 4:43 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1300 Block of E. Miner Street  
**REPORT #:** 23-12723 / 23-12729

On two separate occasions, the Unknown Offenders entered a retail store in the 1300 Block of E. Miner Street and proceeded to steal multiple cosmetic items. Both subjects were seen stealing in the cosmetic aisle and when confronted, fled directly out of the store. The offenders are described as both Hispanic males, one wearing a white shirt and the other was wearing a black sweatshirt.

**OFFENSE:** Robbery  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/28/2023 3:10 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT #:** 23-12820

The victim was exiting the casino into the parking lot when she was approached by two middle eastern females and offered to sell her a bracelet. The Unknown female Offenders put bracelets on the victim's wrists and then quickly removed the gold bracelet that had previously been on her left wrist. Immediately after, both females entered an SUV and fled northbound in the parking garage.

**Due to the recent increase in crime happening at the YMCA building located at 300 E. Northwest Highway, the following are reported incidents at that location:**

*There were no reported incidents during this time frame.*

## **ARRESTS:**

**OFFENSE:** Warrant  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/26/2023 11:38 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 900 Block of S. Lee Street  
**REPORT#:** 23-12616  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Falzone, Brandon  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 05/01/1992  
**ADDRESS:** 434 E. 82<sup>nd</sup> St. Chicago, IL 60619

Des Plaines Police responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 900 Block of S. Lee Street where the caller stated that there was a male subject wearing a bullet proof vest and had a firearm on him, later determined to be a "blank pistol". The officers responding to the area located the subject matching that description, Brandon Falzone,



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and noticed that his vest identified him as “security”. Falzone additionally stated that he was a security guard for a nearby business as the officers acquired his name and information. Upon running his name through the database, the officers were alerted that Falzone had an active warrant through the DuPage County Sheriff’s Police Department. Falzone was advised of the warrant, taken into custody, and transported to the Des Plaines Police station. Falzone was subsequently arrested for said Warrant and after posting bond, released and provided his court information.

**OFFENSE:** Criminal Trespass to Real Property / Disorderly Conduct / Resisting a Peace Officer  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/26/2023 10:53 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1400 Block of Market Street  
**REPORT#:** 23-12661  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Tate, Christopher  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 12/18/1986  
**ADDRESS:** No Residence

**SUBJECT NAME:** Hart, Johnnie  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 02/20/1986  
**ADDRESS:** 1717 Rand Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60016

Des Plaines Police received a report of a disturbance in the 1400 Block of Market Street where two male subjects were trespassing at a private event. While the officers were responding, they were notified that one subject had camouflage pants and the other was dressed all in black. After arriving on scene, the officers recognized the male subjects from previous interactions and identified them as the above, Christopher Tate and Johnnie Hart. Both men were standing outside of the business and matched the description provided by the complainant. The officer spoke with a security representative who stated that both Tate and Hart were trespassing and had been told to leave multiple times but they both refused. The restaurant manager also stated that when Hart and Tate were inside, they were harassing customers and causing a disturbance. The officers then spoke with Tate and Hart and explained that they were not allowed inside the business and needed to leave the area. While doing so, Tate walked around the officer and attempted to enter the business. At that time, Tate was advised he was being taken into custody but multiple times he had pulled his arms away and attempted to face the officer. Tate was advised to stop resisting but he continued to pull away. Tate was eventually escorted to the ground and placed in handcuffs while Hart was also taken into custody with no further incident. Both Tate and Hart were transported to the Des Plaines Police station where they were subsequently arrested, Tate for Criminal Trespass to Real Property, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting a Peace Officer while Hart for Criminal Trespass to Real Property and Disorderly Conduct. After posting bond, both Tate and Hart were released and provided their court information.



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**OFFENSE:** Domestic Battery  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/27/2023 6:21 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2000 Block of Spruce Avenue  
**REPORT#:** 23-12736  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Kunovszky, Alexander  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 08/16/1988  
**ADDRESS:** 2076 Spruce Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the 2000 Block of Spruce Avenue for the report of a battery. While on scene, the officers located the victim who stated that she had a previous relationship with the subject, Alexander Kunovszky, and while at the residence, Kunovszky shoved her with both hands. Kunovszky additionally attempted to grab something from the victim's purse causing further minor injury to the victim's arms. After the altercation, Kunovszky left the property but shortly returned when the officers were on scene. Kunovszky was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for Domestic Battery. Kunovszky was brought to a Cook County Courthouse the following day for a bond hearing.

**OFFENSE:** Domestic Battery / Resisting a Peace Officer  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/28/2023 12:16 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2800 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT#:** 23-12762  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Randall, Sophie  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/03/1997  
**ADDRESS:** 813 W. Buena Ave. Chicago, IL 60613

Des Plaines Police were called to the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road regarding a possible domestic incident where it was reported there was a physical altercation between the victim and the above subject, Sophie Randall. The officers were notified by the victim that Randall entered a dark colored Nissan SUV and fled the area. While speaking with the victim, the officers learned that he and Randall have a dating relationship. The victim was driving with Randall when they engaged in a verbal dispute which escalated when Randall began striking him numerous times. The victim drove to the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road since this is where Randall left her Nissan. Randall proceeded to enter her Nissan and flee as officers were responding. Additional units were able to locate Randall and conducted a traffic stop of her vehicle in the 2800 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road. Randall admitted to arguing with the victim but stated it was never physical. The victim's minor injuries supported his account of what had happened, and Randall was taken into custody. While being escorted to the squad car, Randall refused to walk forward and instead dropped her body weight in an attempt to stop the officers' efforts of placing her in the rear passenger seat. Once near the car, Randall first refused to enter and then refused to comply with placing her legs inside the seat area. Throughout the incident, Randall was given several verbal commands to comply with the officers' requests, but she refused all. Eventually, Randall was secured in the squad car and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where she was subsequently arrested for Domestic Battery and Resisting a Peace Officer. Randall was brought to a Cook County Courthouse the following day for a bond hearing.



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**OFFENSE:** Unlawful Use of a Weapon  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/28/2023 3:56 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1500 Block of E. Touhy Avenue  
**REPORT#:** 23-12781  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Vernon, Dale  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 08/07/1990  
**ADDRESS:** 944 Dodge Ave. Evanston, IL 60202

Des Plaines Police responded to the railroad tracks in the 1500 Block of E. Touhy Avenue for the report of a vehicle stuck on the tracks. When the officers arrived on scene, a silver Acura sedan was seen facing north on the tracks and was then approached by the driver/subject, Dale Vernon. Vernon stated that he was trying to turn north on Mannheim Road and accidentally turned on the railroad tracks instead. The officer requested Vernon's driver's license which caused him to open the door where the officer then observed an unholstered black handgun sitting on the floorboard of the vehicle. The gun was recovered, made safe, and placed into a secure gun box within the officer's patrol squad. Vernon's information was obtained and run when the officers discovered that he had a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card but a Florida Conceal Carry License. Vernon was advised that the Florida CCL is not valid in Illinois. Vernon was taken into custody, transported to the Des Plaines Police station, and subsequently arrested for Unlawful Use of a Weapon. After posting the required bond, Vernon was released and provided his court information.

**OFFENSE:** Aggravated Assault – Use of a Firearm x2 / Obstructing a Peace Officer / Unlawful Use or Possession of a Weapon by a Felon / Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon / Defacing Identification Marks of a Firearm / Unlawful Use of a Weapon x2 / Possession of a Controlled Substance  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/28/2023 3:40 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1800 Block of Fargo Avenue  
**REPORT#:** 23-12818  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Moore, Bryan  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 02/06/2003  
**ADDRESS:** 1847 Fargo Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the 1800 Block of Fargo Avenue regarding a neighbor dispute where the subject, Bryan Moore, presented a firearm. The victims related that Moore was standing in their backyard when he was told to leave the property. Moore refused to leave as the victims again told him to leave. Moore was then observed walking two houses down, retrieving a black cross body bag, and then walked back past the victim's house yelling and displaying a black semi-automatic pistol. The victim then chased Moore briefly as he fled westbound but then returned home to call 9-1-1. A description of Moore was given out to the responding officers who, through multiple previous interactions, knew Moore. While conducting a canvas of the area, an officer located Moore in the 1400 Block of E. Touhy Avenue walking westbound behind the building. The officer exited his patrol vehicle and gave a verbal command to Moore to lay on the ground. Moore was initially compliant laying on the ground, but shortly after, stood up and began fleeing south towards Touhy Avenue. A foot pursuit began, and the officer maintained visual contact with Moore throughout the chase. Moore ran to the

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south side of the building and ducked under a small bridge where he was seen throwing a black object. After tossing the object, Moore approached the officer with his hands in the air and then complied with all further instructions. Moore was taken into custody just prior to being identified by the victims as the subject who displayed the handgun. A search of the area under the bridge resulted in finding a black semi-automatic pistol with a filed off serial number. A search of Moore's person and bag resulted in finding a clear plastic container with a white powdery substance, suspected to be cocaine, inside the bag. While awaiting an available squad car for transport, Moore made multiple comments about the firearm recovered from the scene without being asked any questions. All items and Moore were then transported to the Des Plaines Police station for further investigation. At the station, Moore admitted to possessing the firearm and that the substance was cocaine.

Due to the nature of the incident, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office was contacted and approved felony charges of Moore. Moore was subsequently arrested for one felony count each of the Unlawful Use or Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Defacing Identification Marks of a Firearm, and the Possession of a Controlled Substance. Moore was also arrested for the following misdemeanor charges: two counts each of Aggravated Assault – Use of a Firearm and Unlawful Use of a Weapon, one count of Obstructing a Peace Officer. Moore was brought to a Cook County Courthouse for a bond hearing the following day.



*(Photo in reference to above subject, Bryan Moore)*

<b>OFFENSE:</b>	Possession of a Controlled Substance / Possession with Intent to Deliver Controlled Substance / Criminal Trespass to Residence
<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	05/28/2023 7:23 p.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	100 Block of Northwest Highway
<b>REPORT#:</b>	23-12841
<b>SUBJECT NAME:</b>	Torkelson, Nicholas
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	02/10/1991
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	4730 Arbor Dr. Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Des Plaines Police were dispatched to the 100 Block of Northwest Highway for the original report of an unwanted subject. When the officers arrived on scene, they spoke with the complainant and the subject, Nicholas Torkelson, in the living room of the residence. Through speaking with the caller/victim, the officers learned that she did not want Torkelson on her property but was refusing to do so. The officers then advised



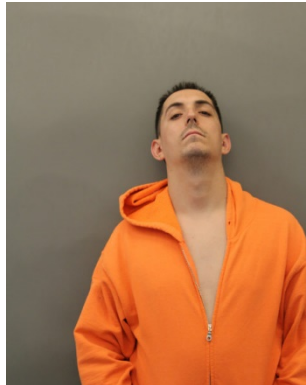
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Torkelson that he was no longer allowed in the residence, yet he still refused to leave. After multiple warnings to leave, Torkelson eventually complied and stood on the sidewalk while figuring out a ride. Torkelson was advised that if he came onto the property he could be arrested for trespassing. Torkelson stated he understood and DPPD left the scene without further incident.

A short time later, DPPD was again dispatched to the same residence regarding Torkelson now banging on the door after the officers left. At that time Torkelson was standing on the sidewalk but the victims stated they would like to pursue charges against him. Torkelson was taken into custody and while conducting a search of his person prior to being placed in a patrol squad car, the officers located a clear plastic bag containing several oval shaped blue pills. Torkelson stated, without being asked any questions, that he was given the pills to sell them. The pills were recovered and, along with Torkelson, were transported to the Des Plaines Police station. The pills were identified as alprazolam (a controlled substance) and counted, totaling 124 pills.

Torkelson was subsequently arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, and Criminal Trespass to Residence. Torkelson was brought to a Cook County Courthouse for a bond hearing the following day.



*(Photo in reference to above subject, Nicholas Torkelson)*

**OFFENSE:** Criminal Trespass to Real Property  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/28/2023 8:03 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1500 Block of S. Lee Street  
**REPORT#:** 23-12843  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Mintz, Shaunte  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 10/29/1977  
**ADDRESS:** 7424 S. Harvard Ave. Chicago, IL 60621

Des Plaines Police responded to an unwanted subject in the 1500 Block of S. Lee Street where the caller stated a subject came back in the store after being told to leave. When the officer arrived on scene, he spoke with an employee on scene who stated that the subject, Shaunte Mintz, was seen grabbing items off the shelves and placing them in a shopping cart. Mintz was then seen going to the check out area but refusing to pay for the items, this occurred approximately three times and then she was told to leave. Mintz ignored the request and continued walking up and down the aisles and putting more items in her cart. The officers stopped Mintz in an aisle near the north entrance where she was told that she needed to leave the business. Mintz walked away from the officers



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and carried on walking through the aisles. After another warning to leave the store, Mintz refused and was then taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station. Mintz was subsequently arrested for Criminal Trespass to Property and after posting the required bond, was given her court information, and released.

**OFFENSE:** Failure to Remain at the Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident / Traffic  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/29/2023 1:17 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 400 Block of W. Kathleen Drive  
**REPORT#:** 23-12859  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Synovitskyi, Marian  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 09/16/2002  
**ADDRESS:** 701 Huntington Commons Rd. Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Des Plaines Police responded to the 400 Block of W. Kathleen Drive for the report of a hit and run motor vehicle accident. When the officer arrived on scene, he learned that as the subject vehicle was traveling west on Kathleen Drive the two victims' vehicles were parked unoccupied on the north side of the roadway in the 400 Block. The subject vehicle, a silver Toyota Camry, struck the rear driver's side bumper of the first vehicle pushing it into the rear bumper of the second vehicle. After the accident, the driver fled the scene on foot and contacted a third party who then called 9-1-1 identifying the subject as Marian Synovitskyi. The officer met with Synovitskyi and the other party in the 300 Block of Ambleside Road where he admitted to driving the vehicle at the time of the accident. Synovitskyi was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for Failure to Remain at the Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident and cited for Improper Lane Usage. After posting the required bond, Synovitskyi was released from the station and provided his court information.

*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.*