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# CRIME REPORT

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### NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

**OFFENSE:** Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/09/2024 7:00 p.m. – 07/10/2024 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 400 Block of Oak Street  
**REPORT #:** 24-15945

The victim's Lexus GS430 was parked overnight in the 400 Block of Oak Street when the Unknown Offender(s) damaged the sunroof. The officer noted that the sunroof was shattered but that nothing else appeared disturbed on or in the vehicle.

**OFFENSE:** Burglary to Motor Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/09/2024 5:00 p.m. – 07/10/2024 7:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1600 Block of Morse Avenue  
**REPORT #:** 24-15948

The victim's Ford F150 was parked in the 1600 Block of Morse Avenue between the above time frame when the Unknown Offender(s) entered the vehicle and stole electronics from the inside. There were no signs of forced entry to the vehicle.

**OFFENSE:** Hit and Run Accident  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/10/2024 12:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Mannheim Road / Frontage Road  
**REPORT #:** 24-15956

The victim turned east onto Frontage Road from Mannheim Road while the Unknown Offender was on Frontage Road navigating the turn just prior to the intersection. While both were passing through the curve, the offending white semi-truck's trailer traveled into the oncoming lanes of traffic and struck the victim's vehicle. The truck then fled the scene without providing information.

**OFFENSE:** Burglary to Motor Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/10/2024 5:13 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 200 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT #:** 24-15997



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The victim's Nissan Altima was parked in the 200 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road with the vehicles laying on top of the windshield while the victim went inside the business. During the above time frame, the Unknown Offender(s) located the keys, entered the Nissan, and stole a bag containing a laptop and other miscellaneous items. After the incident, the offender(s) fled the area.

**OFFENSE:** Hit and Run Accident  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/11/2024 3:19 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 600 Block of W. Dulles Road  
**REPORT #:** 24-16055

The victim's Land Rover Sport was parked on the roadway in the 600 Block of W. Dulles Road when the Unknown Offender struck the victim's front bumper area. The officer observed a white-colored paint transfer to the area but no vehicles matching that description were located.

**OFFENSE:** Fraud  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/08/2024 2:55 p.m. – 07/11/2024 3:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1500 Block of S. Lee Street  
**REPORT #:** 24-16068

The victim reported that she was contacted by her banking institution about possible fraudulent activity on her account. The bank advised the victim that \$500.00 had just been withdrawn from her account at an ATM located in the 1500 Block of S. Lee Street and then two additional attempts to withdraw money were made totaling \$7,300.00. The victim proceeded to close her account and file a report with the bank.

**OFFENSE:** Theft  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/10/2024 3:00 p.m. – 07/11/2024 5:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1300 Block of E. Miner Street  
**REPORT #:** 24-16078

The victim received a shipping notification from FedEx that her package had been delivered to the specified address in the 1300 Block of E. Miner Street. When the victim went to retrieve the package, she noticed it had been stolen by the Unknown Offender(s).

**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 incidents at this location during the above time frame.*



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## ARRESTS:

**OFFENSE:** Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer / Battery / Criminal Damage to Property / Resisting a Peace Officer  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/10/2024 8:35 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 100 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT#:** 24-15994  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Watkins, Aniya  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 02/26/2003  
**ADDRESS:** 175 S. Des Plaines River Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60016

Des Plaines Police responded to the 100 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for the report of a battery and further related that multiple subjects were fighting on the second floor of the apartment complex. When officers arrived, they located two parties involved in the area who had visibly been in an altercation. While speaking with one of the parties, later determined to be a female victim, the officers learned that the subject, Aniya Watkins, came to their unit door and started pounding on it. The female victim told Watkins to leave but she refused and started pounding on the window screen, causing it to break. Watkins threw the screen cover off the balcony and the victim's grill. The male victim left the unit to pick up the grill when Watkins poured liquid on his head. Watkins was confronted by the female victim and told to leave to go back to her residence. Watkins briefly left and when she returned, started again pounding on the door. When the male victim opened the door, Watkins started swinging her fists at him when the female victim stepped between them and was struck multiple times by Watkins. The male victim grabbed Watkins away from the female when Watkins then scratched him in the arm.

When the officers spoke with Watkins, she admitted to damaging the window cover and the grill and pounding on the door. Watkins continued to change her story multiple times while speaking with the officer. However, physical indicators on the victims were consistent with their account of the incident. Watkins was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station. At the station, the handcuffs were removed from Watkins, and she was told to place her hands on the wall. Watkins refused and started to flail her arms back and forth while officers attempted to search her. Watkins started pushing back towards the officers and started swinging her hands towards the officer who was searching her, therefore striking the officer in the face.

The officers contacted the Cook County State's Attorney's Office who approved a felony charge. Watkins was subsequently arrested for one felony count of Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer; one misdemeanor count each of Battery, Criminal Damage to Property, and Resisting a Peace Officer. Watkins was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

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*(Photo in reference to above subject, Aniya Watkins)*

**OFFENSE:** Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol / DUI with a BAC Over .08 / Traffic  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/10/2024 11:29 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1800 Block of E. Miner Street  
**REPORT#:** 24-16004  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Malen, Donald  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 09/12/1999  
**ADDRESS:** 105 S. We Go Trail Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Des Plaines Police were dispatched to Northwest Highway and State Street for the report of a reckless driver. Des Plaines Dispatch advised the caller was behind a black Lexus IS350 that was weaving in and out of its lane. The caller further updated DP Dispatch with the license plate number and the last location, being the 1400 Block of E. Miner Street traveling eastbound. The officer responding to the area located the Lexus IS350 as described was sitting stationary at the red traffic light with Miner Street and Des Plaines River Road. As the officer pulled behind the Lexus he confirmed with the caller, who was still in the area, that this was the vehicle he was reporting and also confirmed via the license plate number. As the traffic light turned green, the Lexus began eastbound changing lanes from the outside lane to the inside lane without signaling and while driving, the driver's side front and rear wheels had crossed over the median markings. The officer moved behind the Lexus and activated his overhead emergency lights near Miner Street and Mason Lane. The Lexus did not initially stop and continued before eventually pulling over in the 1800 Block of Miner Street. The officer approached the driver, later identified as Donald Malen, who was the sole occupant of the Lexus. While speaking with Malen, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath, noted his watery/bloodshot eyes, and slurred speech. Malen denied consuming alcohol prior to driving when asked by the officer. The officer suspected that Malen was intoxicated and asked him to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, to which he complied. Upon completion, Malen showed visible signs of impairment, was taken into custody, and transported to the Des Plaine Police station. Once there, Malen was asked to provide a breath alcohol sample, which he agreed to and produced a reading of over twice the legal limit. Malen was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each



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of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and DUI with a BAC Over .08; ticketed for Improper Lane Usage and Changing Lanes without Signaling when Required. Malen was cited and released with his court information.

**OFFENSE:** Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol / Traffic  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/11/2024 12:58 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1900 Block of Stockton Avenue  
**REPORT#:** 24-16008  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Wallin, Brian  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 05/01/1985  
**ADDRESS:** 1824 Cedar Ct. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 1900 Block of Stockton Avenue where it was advised that the driver involved in the accident was attempting to leave the scene on foot eastbound on Stockton Avenue towards Des Plaines River Road. Responding officers to the area located a subject stumbling northbound in the 1900 Block of Des Plaines River Road, he was later identified as the subject Brian Wallin. Additional officers that responded to the scene observed a black Scion TC had crashed head on into a blue Ford that was parked on the roadway. After running the Illinois registration for the Scion, the officers learned that the registered owner was Wallin. While on scene, officers spoke with three witnesses who stated that the male driver, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, had left towards Des Plaines River Road and described him as a white male with a beard, blacking t-shirt with white writing, and blue jeans. While speaking with Wallin, one of the witnesses positively identified him as the driver of the vehicle he observed leaving the scene. Wallin admitted to consuming alcohol prior to driving and then agreed to performing Field Sobriety Tests. During the test, Wallin was unable to maintain his balance and was ultimately unable to finish the tests. Wallin was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he refused all further tests and questions offered by the officer. Wallin was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol; ticketed for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Improper Lane Usage, and Expired Registration. Wallin was cited and released with his court information.

**OFFENSE:** Burglary / Criminal Damage to Property / Possession of Burglary Tools / Issuance of a Warrant  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/11/2024 2:57 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1300 Block of Rand Road  
**REPORT#:** 24-16011 / 24-16069  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Johnson, Tyce  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 12/10/2005  
**ADDRESS:** 2145 S. Tonne Dr. Arlington Heights, IL 60005

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Des Plaines Police were called to a business in the 1300 Block of Rand Road for a burglary alarm. When the officers arrived on scene, they observed a male subject walking inside the building, later identified as Tyce Johnson. The officers began to establish a perimeter around the building when they heard the sound of someone stepping on rocks on the south side. Officers went to investigate the noise and observed Johnson walking south on the train tracks from the area. The officer approached Johnson and informed him of why he was stopped when Johnson made a reference to breaking glass. Johnson was immediately detained and transported to the Des Plaines Police station for follow up investigation.

A search of the building was conducted when officers located a broken glass door on the southside of the building and a sledgehammer with blood on it nearby. There was also a ladder on the building leading to wires that appeared to have been cut. The officers spoke with the victim/owner who was able to show them video footage from security cameras. On the video was a male subject, Johnson, breaking the glass door and then entering the building. The officer noted that the subject in the video matched the clothing description that Johnson was observed in at the time he was taken into custody. At the station, Johnson was observed to have an open cut on his right palm. The area was photographed by the Evidence Technician and additional pieces of evidence were collected from Johnson's person. Johnson denied having anything to do with the incident at that time. A check of Johnson's information alerted officers that he had a valid warrant, later confirmed by Des Plaines Dispatch, with the Port St. Lucie Police Department in Florida.

Officers contacted the Cook County State's Attorney's Office who approved felony charges. Johnson was subsequently arrested for one felony count each of Burglary, Criminal Damage to Property, and Possession of Burglary Tools. Johnson was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.



*(Photo in reference to above subject, Tyce Johnson)*



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**OFFENSE:** Possession of a Controlled Substance / Driving While License Revoked / Issuance of a Warrant  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/11/2024 9:08 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2600 Block of Maple Street  
**REPORT#:** 24-16079 / 24-16080  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Rico, Diego  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/12/1991  
**ADDRESS:** 2993 Curtis St. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police received a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1600 Block of Morse Avenue regarding a light blue Chevrolet Tahoe that was driving slowly past the caller's house multiple times. When the officer arrived on scene, he spoke to said caller who stated that her vehicle had been broken into the day before and she was concerned about the Tahoe that appeared to be circling the area. When the officer left the residence to check the area, he observed a vehicle matching that description north on Greco Lane and then east on Morse Avenue. The officer began to follow the vehicle who then pulled over in the 2600 Block of Maple Street where the officer pulled behind it and activated his overhead emergency lights. Upon approaching the driver, later identified as Diego Rico, the officer noted he was sweating and appeared nervous. In plain view, the officer observed a white powdery substance on the front of Rico's pants. The officer informed Rico as to the reason for the stop and then obtained his information to run through the database. Des Plaines Dispatch alerted, and later confirmed, a warrant for Rico out of the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. It was also noted that Rico did not have a valid driver's license, said license was revoked by the Illinois Secretary of State. Rico was notified of the violations and asked him to step out of the vehicle, to which he complied. Due to the substance on Rico's pants suspected to be narcotics, the officer asked and was granted permission to search the Tahoe. While searching the vehicle, the officer located a small clear plastic bag containing a white powdery substance, suspected to be cocaine, on the rear passenger seat. Both Rico and the substance were taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station. Once there, the white substance was tested using a Narcotics Identification Kit which was positive for the probable presence of cocaine. Rico was subsequently arrested for one felony count of the Possession of a Controlled Substance; one misdemeanor count of Driving While License Revoked and the Issuance of a Warrant. Rico was later transported to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.



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*(Photo in reference to above subject, Diego Rico)*

**OFFENSE:** Criminal Trespass to Residence  
**DATE/TIME:** 07/12/2024 12:50 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 700 Block of S. Fifth Avenue  
**REPORT#:** 24-16091  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Ramirez, Manuel  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 04/24/1985  
**ADDRESS:** 720 S. Fifth Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60016

Des Plaines Police responded to a residence in the 700 Block of S. Fifth Avenue for the report of a domestic disturbance. When the officers arrived, they spoke with all parties involved who stated that the subject, Manual Ramirez, and the victim are roommates. On today's date, Ramirez entered the victim's room without permission and remained there after being told to leave. The officers took Ramirez into custody and transported him to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Criminal Trespass to Residence – Domestic Related. Ramirez was later brought to a Cook County Courthouse for a detention hearing.

*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.*