



CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Unlawful Use of a Credit Card
DATE/TIME: 07/14/2024 Noon – 07/15/2024 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 300 Block of S. Wolf Road
REPORT #: 24-16392

The victim stated she received notification from her credit card company that her card had been used three times in Chicago, IL. The victim believes the Unknown Offender(s) had obtained her credit card and were now using it for multiple transactions totaling approximately \$130.00.

OFFENSE: Residential Burglary
DATE/TIME: 07/15/2024 8:00 p.m. – 07/16/2024 Noon
LOCATION: 700 Block of S. Fifth Avenue
REPORT #: 24-16515

The victim's unlocked detached garage in the 700 Block of S. Fifth Avenue was entered by the Unknown Offender(s) and multiple power tools had been stolen. When the victim noticed the incident, the north side door to the garage had been left ajar.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 07/16/2024 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Oakton Street / Mount Prospect Road
REPORT #: 24-16524

The victim and the Unknown Offender were both westbound on Oakton Street approaching the left turn lane for southbound Mount Prospect Road. At the beginning of the turn lane, the victim signaled and began to enter while the offender had been traveling on the yellow median. The offender's front passenger side struck the victim's front driver's side and then fled the scene.



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OFFENSE: Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property
DATE/TIME: 07/17/2024 2:38 a.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT #: 24-16540

The victim was inside the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road at the above time when she left a gaming machine with approximately \$2,000.00 of winnings for a brief period of time. While away from the machine, the Unknown Offender walked up to the machine and cashed out receiving a voucher and then proceeded to the payment window. The offender is described as a white heavy-set male with short gray hair.

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.

ARRESTS:

OFFENSE: Criminal Damage to Property / City Ordinance
DATE/TIME: 07/16/2024 3:56 p.m.
LOCATION: 500 Block of S. Elmhurst Road
REPORT#: 24-16506
SUBJECT NAME: Hirz, Ross
DATE OF BIRTH: 12/17/1980
ADDRESS: LKA: 112 E. Michigan Ave. Palatine, IL 60067

Des Plaines Police responded to the 400 Block of Lillian Lane for the report of damage to property where the complainant advised the subject had damaged his fence and attempted to vandalize a flag in his backyard. The victim reported that the male subject then left the area and was last seen towards Elmhurst Road. Responding officers checking the area located a subject matching the description given by the victim in the 500 Block of S. Elmhurst Road. The subject, later identified as Ross Hirz, was sitting on the ground near a parkway tree with the victim standing beside him. When the officers approached them, they observed a half empty bottle of alcohol next to Hirz. The victim identified Hirz as the subject he had seen reaching into his fence and damaging the abovementioned flag as well as the fence. Hirz was advised of the violation, taken into custody, and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Criminal Damage to Property; ticket for a City Ordinance violation for Drinking in Public. Hirz was cited and released with his court information.



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OFFENSE:	Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon x2 / Burglary to Motor Vehicle
DATE/TIME:	07/17/2024 12:22 a.m.
LOCATION:	1700 Block of Linden Street
REPORT#:	24-16535
SUBJECT NAME:	Mendoza, Jonathan
DATE OF BIRTH:	01/24/2006
ADDRESS:	2172 Chestnut St. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines police responded to the 1700 Block of Linden Street for the report of a possible burglary to a motor vehicle in that area. When the officers arrived, they spoke with the witnesses who stated that the victim had left their vehicle running while he ran inside a residence in the area. When he returned to his vehicle, a male subject, later identified as Jonathan Mendoza, was seen wearing all black inside the driver's side area of the vehicle. The victim believed that Mendoza attempted to steal the vehicle because a beeping noise was heard coming from the vehicle which only happens when you try to put it in drive. Mendoza then exited the vehicle and began walking northbound from the location while the victim called 9-1-1.

Additional officers responding to the area located a male subject matching Mendoza's description near the 1700 Block of Orchard Street and when attempting to stop him, Mendoza fled eastbound between two houses. A short while later, while still in the area, officers observed Mendoza a second time near Riverview Avenue and Sycamore Street. The officer stopped Mendoza and asked him what he was doing in the area. Mendoza's answers varied and he appeared nervous with the officer. The officer then asked Mendoza if they could conduct a search of his person, which he agreed and while doing so Mendoza attempted to flee from the officer's. The officer grabbed onto Mendoza while he was reaching towards his waistband. Mendoza was given multiple commands to stop resisting, to which he complied, and was ultimately taken into custody. The search was conducted after Mendoza was in handcuffs and yielding a loaded gray handgun in the area he had been reaching. Before being transported to the Des Plaines Police station, Mendoza was positively identified as the subject of the original incident. Mendoza was taken to the Des Plaines Police station where he refused any questions asked by the officer. A check of Mendoza's information revealed that he did not possess a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card nor a Conceal Carry License. Due to the nature of the incident, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office was contacted and approved felony charges. Mendoza was subsequently arrested for two felony counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, one count of Burglary to Motor Vehicle; one misdemeanor count of Unlawful Possession of Ammunition. Mendoza was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

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(Photo in reference to above subject, Jonathan Mendoza)

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Accusation, and the person is innocent until proven guilty.*