



Des Plaines Police Department  
1420 E Miner St  
Des Plaines, IL 60016  
[www.desplaines.org](http://www.desplaines.org)

# CRIME REPORT

---

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 5 - 7, 2024

### Contact:

Commander Matt Bowler  
Support Services/Training Division  
mbowler@desplainesil.gov  
847-391-6129

### NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

**OFFENSE:** Hit and Run Crash  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/07/2024 12:47 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 900 Block of E Oakton Street  
**REPORT #:** 24-18387

The victim was parked in a parking lot when the unknown offender attempted to reverse into a spot next to them. The unknown offender struck the victim's front driver's side bumper and left the scene south on Webster Lane.

**OFFENSE:** Burglary to Motor Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/04/2024 – 08/07/2024  
**LOCATION:** 1600 Block of River Street  
**REPORT #:** 24-18430

The victim parked their vehicle in a parking garage in the 1600 Block of River Street during the above dates. When the victim returned to his vehicle, he observed various items missing from the trunk.

**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.*



Des Plaines Police Department

1420 E Miner St

Des Plaines, IL 60016

[www.desplaines.org](http://www.desplaines.org)

# CRIME REPORT

---

## ARRESTS:

**OFFENSE:** Warrant  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/05/2024 7:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1400 Block of Miner Street  
**REPORT#:** 24-18258  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Barajas, Vanessa  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 01/01/1994  
**ADDRESS:** 1214 N 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. Melrose Park, IL 60160

The above subject, Vanessa Barajas, walked into the Des Plaines Police Station to ask if she had any active warrants. Upon searching her information, the officer learned she did in fact have three active warrants from the Cook County Sheriff's Office. Vanessa was taken into custody and was later transported to the Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

**OFFENSE:** Domestic Battery / Possession of Controlled Substance  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/07/2024 6:43 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 100 Block of N East River Road  
**REPORT#:** 24-18412  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Costa, Alex  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 06/13/1998  
**ADDRESS:** 150 N East River Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60016

Des Plaines officers responded to the 100 Block of N East River Road for the report of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival officers spoke with the victim who relayed she and Alex Costa, whom she is in a relationship with, got into a verbal argument. The argument turned physical when he slapped her in the face multiple times. Costa was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police Station. While being search in custody, officers located a glass vile containing a white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine in Costa's front pants pocket. The white powdery substance was tested using a Narcotics Identification Kit and tested positive for the probable presence of cocaine. Costa was subsequently arrested for Domestic Battery and Possession of Controlled Substance. He was held at the Des Plaines Police Station awaiting transport to a detention hearing.



Des Plaines Police Department  
1420 E Miner St  
Des Plaines, IL 60016  
[www.desplaines.org](http://www.desplaines.org)

# CRIME REPORT

---



*(Photo in reference to above subject, Alex Costa)*

*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.*