



Des Plaines Police Department

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Des Plaines, IL 60016

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# CRIME REPORT

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### NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

**OFFENSE:** Burglary to Motor Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/12/2024 11:01 a.m. – 11:41 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 400 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT #:** 24-18848

The victim left a financial institution in Palatine, IL and traveled southeast on Rand Road through to Des Plaines River Road before turning into a parking lot in the 400 Block where he left his Chevrolet Camaro unattended with approximately \$4,400.00 USC in the glove box. During the above time frame, the Unknown Offender(s) entered the Chevrolet and stole the money. A dark colored SUV was seen in the area during the time of the theft.

**OFFENSE:** Theft  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/07/2024 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1500 Block of S. Lee Street  
**REPORT #:** 24-18857

The victim was inside a gym in the 1500 Block of S. Lee Street where she locked her personal belongings in a locker provided to the patrons. During the above time frame, the Unknown Offender(s) broke the lock and stole an Apple laptop before fleeing the area.

**OFFENSE:** Burglary to Motor Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/12/2024 11:00 p.m. – 08/13/2024 7:16 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1300 Block of Fargo Avenue  
**REPORT #:** 24-18917

The victim's Jeep Grand Cherokee's were both parked in a lot in the 1300 Block of Fargo Avenue overnight when the Unknown Offender(s) broke the sunroof located on the top of the vehicles. One of the Jeep's appeared to be rifled through and the doors were left unlocked when the victim returned to his vehicle. A subject was seen wearing dark clothing and a hood in the area during the time of the incidents.



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**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:** Theft of Lost or Misplaced Property  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/13/2024 2:50 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 500 Block of N. Hicks Road, Palatine, IL 60067  
**REPORT#:** 24-05196  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Morales, Travis  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 03/17/1990  
**ADDRESS:** 1463 Mercury Dr. Schaumburg, IL 60193

On March 6, 2024, Des Plaines Police responded to the 600 Block of Northwest Highway for the report of a theft. When the officers arrived, they spoke with the victim who owns a business in that area and stated that the subject, Travis Morales, had been let go from the company in February 2024. Since then, Morales had returned to the business, entered a company van in the parking lot and stole several vehicle maintenance items valued at approximately \$3,200.00 USC. The victim further related that he saw posts on Facebook Marketplace by Morales selling the stolen items. The officers attempted to make contact with Morales via telephone but were met with negative results and there was no known address for him at that time. The incident was turned over to the Detective Bureau for follow up.

On May 3, after being unable to locate Morales several times, Detectives obtained an original arrest warrant for him at a Cook County courthouse. On August 13, the Palatine Police Department contacted DPPD advising they had Morales in custody after conducting a traffic stop and learning of his warrant. Des Plaines Dispatch confirmed with PPD that the warrant was valid and active when DPPD traveled to the Palatine Police station and transported Morales back to Des Plaines. Once at the Des Plaines Police station, Morales was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Theft of Lost or Misplaced Property. Morales was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.



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**OFFENSE:** Theft of Lost or Misplaced Property  
**DATE/TIME:** 08/14/2024 12:34 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT#:** 24-19001  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Marin, Silvia  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/18/1963  
**ADDRESS:** 5023 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Pl. Cicero, IL 60804

Des Plaines Police responded to the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for the report of a theft. When officers arrived, they met with casino security who was with the victim and the subject, Silvia Marin. The officer spoke with the victim who stated that she attempted to redeem a voucher in the self-service ATM. After inserting the voucher, no cash was dispensed so the victim walked away to seek an employee for help. During that time the victim was away, the money did dispense, and Marin is seeing approaching the machine and taking it. Video surveillance of the incident was reviewed and confirmed the above series of events. Security located Marin after being notified of the theft and stood by until DPPD arrived. The officer noted that Marin's clothing matched the same clothing worn by the subject on the surveillance video. While speaking with Marin, she initially denied the theft but then later admitted to taking the money. Marin was taken into custody, transported to the Des Plaines Police station, and subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Theft of Lost or Misplaced Property. Marin was cited and released with her 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.*