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CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Burg
DATE/TIME: 10/15/2024 6:02AM
LOCATION: 000-100 Block of North River Road
REPORT #: 24-24539

Officers were dispatched to investigate a burglary at the 000-100 block of N River Road. They spoke with the victim who related that overnight unknown offenders had broken into the business and stolen power tools.

OFFENSE: Burglary to Motor Vehicle, Criminal Damage to Property
DATE/TIME: 10/15/2024 6:00 AM
LOCATION: 400 block of West Touhy Avenue
REPORT #: 24-24540

Officers were dispatched to investigate an incident of multiple burglaries to vehicles at a business. The victim reported that overnight nine freightliner tractor trucks had their windows broken and various items removed from each of them.

OFFENSE: Theft
DATE/TIME: 10/16/2024 7:00 AM
LOCATION: 2000 Block of Plainfield Drive
REPORT #: 24-24621

The victim reported that she was the victim of an online fishing scam. The victim reported that when she opened her computer, she received a message that her computer had been hacked and that she should call a company that was representing themselves as Microsoft. The victim called the alleged company and spoke with a subject who stated he could fix everything and that it would cost \$2500. The victim withdrew the money from her bank and



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deposited it into a bitcoin machine. While still on the phone with the subject, he advised her to go to another bank and withdraw \$16,000. The suspect advised her to tell the bank it was for housing repairs, and she should deposit that money in the bitcoin machine. At some point after paying the suspect, she became suspicious of the transaction and reported the incident to DPPD.

OFFENSE: Burglary to Vehicle
DATE/TIME: 10/16/2024 7:00 PM
LOCATION: 1600 block of Howard Avenue
REPORT #: 24-24674

The victim reported that sometime overnight an unknown suspect had entered his unlocked Ford and stolen \$1200 USC which was in the center console. The vehicle was parked outside. The victim related that he had withdrawn the money the day before and had forgotten that it was there. Officers reported that there was no evidence of forced entry to the vehicle.

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: Failure to Register- Sex Offender
DATE/TIME: 10/15/2024 11:03 AM
LOCATION: 800 Block of Margret Street
REPORT#: 24-24489
SUBJECT NAME: Venetsanakos, George
DATE OF BIRTH: 02/19/1975
ADDRESS: 845 Margaret Street, Des Plaines IL 60016

While investigating a vehicle fire where the owner had failed to wait for first responders to arrive, officers learned that the registered owner, George Venetsanakos was a registered sex offender. Officers, attempting to locate Venetsanakos, found several phone numbers associated with him. After speaking with Venetsanakos' family member, they learned that Venetsanakos was living on Margaret Street and were provided a name. Officers relocated to Maragaret Street and started talking to neighbors who advised that they knew the homeowner and that they were aware that she had let a person by the name of George stay with her at 845 Margaret Street. The witness further related that they saw him at the



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residence the day before.

Officers cross referenced that information with the sex offender registry and noted that Venetsanakos had not registered his address to 845 Margaret Street. Officers further confirmed with the Schiller Park Police Department, where Venetsanakos was currently registered, that Venetsanakos had just renewed his registration in Schiller Park.

Officers attempted to make contact with Venetsanakos but were unable to locate him. The following day, our agency received an anonymous tip that Venetsanakos was at the residence on Margaret. Officers made contact him. Venetsanakos was arrested for failing to register as a sex offender and taken into custody without incident. At the station he posted bond and was released.

OFFENSE: Domestic Battery
DATE/TIME: 10/18/2024 12:26 AM
LOCATION: 2100 Block of Touhy Avenue
REPORT#: 24-24747
SUBJECT NAME: Hagemann, Brian M
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/28/1986
ADDRESS: 2326 74th Avenue, Elmwood Park IL, 60707

Officers were dispatched to the 2100 Block of Touhy Ave to investigate a possible domestic battery. Upon their arrival, the spoke with a subject/victim with visible injuries to her face. The victim would not provide an explanation for the injuries to her face, but related that she had been arguing with her boyfriend about a lost cat and the no pet policy at the location. Observing evidence of a recent battery and fearing for the victim's safety they continued the investigation pushing past the victim to speak with the male subject in the room later identified as Brian Hagemann. Officers questioned Hagemann regarding the injuries to the victim, but he was not forthcoming. While questioning Hagemann, officers observed blood on the bedding linens

Due to the victim's facial injuries being consistent with being struck with a fist, the evidence on scene, and no other plausible reason for the injury, Hageman was taken into custody for domestic battery. While being searched incident to arrest, officers located a small bag of a white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine in his pocket. He was transported to the Des Plaines Police Department without incident. At the station he was charged with Domestic Battery and Possession of a Controlled Substance and sent to the Skokie Court House for a bond hearing.

OFFENSE: Burglary, Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, Illegal Possession of a Firearm
DATE/TIME: 10/18/2024 4:18 AM
LOCATION: 1500 Block of Rand Road
REPORT#: 24-24753



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SUBJECT NAME: Newbern, Matthew
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/24/2000
ADDRESS: 4750 159th Street, Oak Forest IL

Officers responded to a burglary in progress at a Liquor store located on the 1500 Block of Rand Road which was being reported by the store owner. The store owner was witnessing the break-in via live feed surveillance cameras. Upon arrival, officers saw a silver Toyota Tacoma pickup truck parked in front of the store and observed a male suspect exiting the burglarized building through the shattered front door. The suspect entered the truck and fled as officers pursued it in marked patrol vehicles with their emergency lights activated. The fleeing vehicle was committed a multitude of traffic violations escalating in nature as the suspect tried to escape apprehension. As officers had recorded the license plate and broadcast the direction of travel on ISPERN, they terminated the pursuit due to safety concerns. Officers who were on scene cleared the building, collected evidence and reviewed surveillance footage. The footage showed two suspects break in, stealing alcohol bottles, and loading them into the truck that the subject later fled in.

A few hours later, the Oak Forest Police Department contacted our agency confirming that they had the Toyota Tacoma, and the suspect identified as Matthew Newbern in custody at 4750 159th Avenue in Oak Forest. Additional officers were sent to Oak Forest where both Newbern and the vehicle were transferred to Des Plaines Police personnel. Once at the Des Plaines Police Department, Newbern declined to speak with investigators. He was charged with burglary and aggravated fleeing and eluding. He was prepared for a bond hearing and sent to Skokie Court House.

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.