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CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Burglary to Vehicle
DATE/TIME: 10/23/2024
LOCATION: 600 Block of Northwest Highway
REPORT #: 24-25153

Officers reported that two tractor trailer trucks parked overnight near the 600 block of Northwest Highway had their windows smashed and parts stolen from inside the cabin.

OFFENSE: Theft
DATE/TIME: 10/24/2024 9:34 AM
LOCATION: 900 Block of Grant Drive
REPORT #: 24-25252

The victim reported that sometime between July 2024 and the reported date a firearm was taken from within the residence. The victim stated that he had multiple contractors working at the residence during that time. Once the contractors finished the work, the victim started cleaning the residence and noticed it was missing.

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: DUI, Improper Lane Usage
DATE/TIME: 10/24/2024 3:22 PM
LOCATION: North River Road / Gregory Street
REPORT#: 24-25234
SUBJECT NAME: Torres Luis
DATE OF BIRTH: 10/03/1985
ADDRESS: 7324 Palma Lane, Morton Grove IL 60053

While on patrol, Officers observed a black Jeep Wrangler switch lanes without signaling. While stopped at a light behind that vehicle, a witness flagged the officer down and reported that the Wrangler hit several curbs and almost struck them. Patrol officers continued to follow the Wrangler and observed that it continued weaving, crossed the divider lane, and then stuck a curb. Officers then activated their emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop near the 1100 block of N River Road. The driver decreased their speed but did not stop until they were told to do so over the squad loud speaker.

Upon approaching the vehicle, officers identified the driver as Luis Torres and noted that when they were speaking with him that they could detect a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage, his eyes were bloodshot, and his speech was slurred. Officers further observed an open can of "beer" in the cup holder. The driver advised that he was at the casino prior to the stop and that he was headed to Chicago. Officer noted that he was traveling in the wrong direction.

After admitting to consuming alcohol, officers request that Torres submit to standardized field sobriety tests. Torres exited the vehicle, stumbled and almost fell to the ground. Once out of the vehicle, Torres refused the test.

Torres was then placed under arrest for DUI. A search of the vehicle incident to arrest yielded several empty Miller light bottles. He was transported to DPPD without incident where he refused any further testing. He was charged with Improper Lane Usage and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Torres was released with a court date.

OFFENSE: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Warrant Service
DATE/TIME: 10/24/2024 4:06 PM
LOCATION: 1800 Block of Dexter Lane
REPORT#: 24-25286, 24-25287
SUBJECT NAME: Cruz-Martinez, Constantino
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/11/1973
ADDRESS: 1808 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines IL 60018

Officers were called to the area of 1800 Dexter Lane upon getting reports of a possible residential burglary in progress. Upon arrival, officers observed a subject identified as Constantino Cruz-Martinez



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standing in the driveway of a vacant house. Cruz-Martinez denied entering the house but admitted that he was looking for a place to “chill.” A search of Cruz-Martinez’s name and date of birth through the LEADS database returned an active NO BOND warrant for Cruz-Martinez for failing to appear in Cook County. Cruz-Martinez was taken into custody. A search of his person incident to arrest yielded a small plastic baggie containing a white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine, which was later confirmed using a field test kit.

Cruz-Martinez was transported to DPPD without incident. He was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and sent to the Cook County Court House for a bond hearing.

OFFENSE: **Aggravated Driving on a Revoked License, Failure to Yield at an Intersection, Failure to Remain at the Scene, Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle**

DATE/TIME: 10/24/2024 9:20 PM
LOCATION: Touhy Avenue/ Eastview Avenue
REPORT#: 24-24992
SUBJECT NAME: Gonzalez, Gustavo
DATE OF BIRTH: 08/27/1976
ADDRESS: 4722 N Keystone Avenue, Chicago IL 60630

On 10/21/2024 at about 5:00 AM Officers responded to the area of Touhy Avenue and Eastview Avenue to assist/investigate a traffic crash. Upon arrival, officers were advised that one of the parties fled the scene. Officers spoke with the victim who related they were traveling east on Touhy when a Honda CRV turned off a side street (Eastview Avenue) and pulled in front of them causing a crash. The Honda then fled the scene east on Touhy Avenue.

While investigating the crash, officers located the suspects front bumper with the license plate still attached. Officers completed associated crash reports assisted the victim in getting the vehicle towed. Officers continued to investigate the crash. Officers ran the license plate registration through LEADS and attempted to contact the registered owner. The registered owner related that they were out of town, but that their son Gustavo Gonzalez was in possession of the vehicle. On 10/24/2024 officers were able to speak with Gonzalez who admitted to driving the vehicle and provided an accurate account of the crash. Gonzalez voluntarily came into the police department and turned himself in.

Gustavo was charged with Aggravated Driving on a Revoked License, Failure to Yield at an Intersection, Failure to Remain at the Scene, Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and released with a court date.

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.