



Des Plaines Police Department

1420 E Miner St

Des Plaines, IL 60016

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# CRIME REPORT

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

**OFFENSE:** Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property  
**DATE/TIME:** 01/14/2025 10:35 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT #:** 25-00355

The victim was inside the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road using a slot machine on the casino floor. The victim walked away from the machine without taking his cash out voucher and during the time he was away, an Unknown Offender approached the machine and took the voucher. The offender then went to self-service cash out machine and exchanged the voucher for approximately \$705.00 USC. The black female offender was last seen leaving the casino property in a black SUV.

**OFFENSE:** Hit and Run Accident  
**DATE/TIME:** 01/21/2025 8:59 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Des Plaines River Road / Miner Street  
**REPORT #:** 25-00358

The victim and the Unknown Offender were both west on Miner Street in the left turn lane to go south on Des Plaines River Road. When the light turned green, both vehicles proceeded to turn but then the victim stopped due to the railroad gates lowering. The offender failed to reduce speed and struck the victim's rear bumper. After the accident and the gates cleared, the offender fled the area and was described as a silver older model Toyota Corolla driven by a female.

**OFFENSE:** Criminal Defacement of Property  
**DATE/TIME:** 01/22/2025 5:00 p.m. – 01/23/2025 9:46 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 800 Block of S. Lee Street  
**REPORT #:** 25-00399 / 25-00400

The Unknown Offender(s) were in the 800 Block of S. Lee Street overnight when they wrote on the fence and multiple signs in the rear of the building. The graffiti was described as mostly unintelligible yellow writing near the southwest parking areas.



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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:** Violation of an Order of Protection  
**DATE/TIME:** 01/21/2025 9:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 5600 Block of Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077  
**REPORT#:** 24-25777  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Almaraz, Jose  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 02/19/1993  
**ADDRESS:** 4201 Gunderson Ave. Stickney, IL 60402

In October of 2024, the victim came into the Des Plaines Police station to report a violation of stalking/no contact order against the above subject, Jose Almaraz, that had occurred. The officer ran Almaraz through the database and located the record of the order detailing that Almaraz was served with the order in August 2024 and that the order is currently still valid. The investigation was turned over to the Detective Bureau for follow up at that time.

The Detective reached out to verify the information with the victim and contacted Almaraz advising him of the reasoning he was calling as well as advising that he needs to come into the station to speak about the incident. Almaraz was vague in responding and never came into the station. On January 21, 2025, Detectives traveled to the Skokie Courthouse in the 5600 Block of Old Orchard Road in Skokie, IL, for a scheduled appearance of Almaraz regarding another court case. At that time, Almaraz was located, taken into custody, and transported to the Des Plaines Police Department.

Almaraz was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Violation of an Order of Protection and was later brought to a Cook County Courthouse for a detention hearing.

**OFFENSE:** Failure to Notify Damage to an Unattended Vehicle / No Valid Driver's License  
**DATE/TIME:** 01/22/2025 4:50 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1400 Block of Miner Street  
**REPORT#:** 25-00332  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Galeana Peralta, Carlos  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 11/16/1998  
**ADDRESS:** 398 Oak St. Des Plaines, IL 60016

On January 19, 2025, Des Plaines Police responded to the 400 Block of Graceland Avenue regarding the report of a motor vehicle accident. While investigating the accident, it was determined that the offending vehicle was traveling north on Graceland



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Avenue when it struck three vehicles that were parked and unattended. The offending vehicle did not stop after the striking the vehicles and turned east on Harding Avenue, south on Oak Street, then west on Brown Street. While traveling west on Brown Street, the offender struck two parked and unattended vehicles on the south side of the roadway before eventually turning north on Alles Street where it struck another two parked and unattended vehicles. After striking the above mentioned seven vehicles, the offending vehicle, described as a white Ford Escape, came to a rest in the 400 Block of Alles Street. The officer noted that while investigating the accident, there were no attempts made to contact any of the victims or leave a note on any of the vehicles regarding the accidents. As a result of the incident, the Ford Escape was towed as evidence pending the investigation.

On January 22, 2025, at approximately 4:40 p.m., the owner of the Ford Escape was at our records division attempting to get a copy of the accident report. When officers met with the owner, he provided the insurance information and stated that he was not driving the vehicle at that time, his friend Carlos Galeana Peralta was, and was with him. Galeana Peralta was asked regarding the accident where he admitted that he was driving and got into the accidents. The officer asked Galeana Peralta for his driver's license, which he stated he did not have one but gave the officers his identifying information. At that time, the officers took Galeana Peralta into custody and escorted him to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each of Failure to Notify Damage to an Unattended Vehicle and No Valid Driver's License/Never Issued. Galeana Peralta was cited and released with his court information.

**OFFENSE:** Criminal Trespass to Real Property  
**DATE/TIME:** 01/22/2025 7:41 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT#:** 25-00390  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Yoo, Sam  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 12/15/1964  
**ADDRESS:** 6205 N. Washtenaw Ave. Chicago, IL 60659

Des Plaines Police responded to the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for the report of a subject, later identified as Sam Yoo, who was trespassing on the property. When the officers arrived, they met with Casino security who advised that Yoo had been located on the casino property and after checking their database, learned that he had been cited for trespassing four previous times. Due to the number of previous incidents, Yoo was escorted to the secure holding room and 9-1-1 was contacted. The officer then spoke with Yoo who admitted he knew he was not supposed to be on the property. Yoo was then taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Criminal Trespass to Real Property. Yoo was cited and released with his court information.

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<b>OFFENSE:</b>	Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon / Traffic
<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	01/23/2025 9:14 p.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	100 Block of E. Oakton Street
<b>REPORT#:</b>	25-00404
<b>SUBJECT NAME:</b>	Howard, Damione
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	04/22/2002
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	1430 S. Busse Rd. Mount Prospect, IL 60056

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Des Plaines Police were on patrol near Elmhurst Road and Oakton Street in a marked squad car when a green Chevrolet Camaro traveling east on Oakton Street. The officer, traveling in the same direction, paced the Chevrolet and noted his speed to be 52 MPH in a marked 40 MPH speed zone. The Chevrolet continued east and near Marhsall Drive where the officer observed the vehicles tires cross over the lane dividers on two occasions. At that time, the officer activated his overhead emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop in the 100 Block of E. Oakton Street. When the officer approached the Chevrolet, he spoke with the driver/subject, Damione Howard. During the conversation, the officer detected the odor of fresh cannabis. The officer also observed several “blunts” in the ashtray and Howard admitted to having cannabis in the car. The officer obtained Howard’s information and after running it through the database, noted that he had a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card.

Howard was asked to step out of the vehicle, to which he complied, and again stated that there was cannabis in the car but denied anything else that shouldn’t be. A search of the vehicle was conducted when the officer located approximately 5 “blunts” containing a green leafy substance, suspected to be cannabis. During the search, the officer observed the rear of a firearm that was put behind the front passenger seat. The firearm was not in a container or holster of any kind and was easily accessible from the driver’s seat. Upon further inspection of the firearm, there was a loaded magazine inserted into the Smith and Wesson 9mm. Howard was then taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office was contacted and approved a felony charge.

Howard was subsequently arrested for one felony count of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon; cited for Speeding Above the Posted Speed Limit and Improper Lane Usage. Howard was cited and released with his court information.



*(Photo in reference to the above subject, Damione Howard)*



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**OFFENSE:** Criminal Trespass to Real Property / Aggravated Assault  
**DATE/TIME:** 01/24/2025 1:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1500 Block of Rand Road  
**REPORT#:** 25-00405  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Scott, Christopher  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/22/1979  
**ADDRESS:** 1560 Dempster St. Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Des Plaines Police were on patrol conducting a premise check at the 7-11 in the 1500 Block of Rand Road. Prior to entering the store, the officer observed an employee was knocking on the window to get the officers attention and then was making a waving motion seemingly indicating there was an issue inside. As the officers entered the store, they were immediately confronted by the subject, Christopher Scott, who began being verbally confrontational and stood there with his fists clenched. The officer inquired about the issue when he learned that there was a payment issue where Scott was unable to pay for the items he wanted to purchase. Scott grew increasingly agitated with the officers and continued being verbally confrontational. The store employee advised Scott he was no longer wanted on the property and that he had to leave, this was said in the presence of the officers. Scott refused to leave and so he was warned by officers to leave the property, or he would be trespassing. Scott still refused when the officer then began to issue a citation for Trespassing through Des Plaines City Ordinance. While writing the citation, Scott stated that if the officers approach him he is going to injure them. Scott then attempted to walk away from officers when one of the officers grabbed his arm to stop him from doing so. At that time, Scott pulled his arm away and then aggressively advanced towards the officer and placed his hands in the officer's face. This caused the officer to reasonably believe due to the threats towards officers and the proximity of Scott himself, that Scott would batter him. Scott was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each of Criminal Trespass to Real Property and Aggravated Assault. Scott was cited and released with his 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.*