



CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Criminal Damage to Property
DATE/TIME: 01/26/2025 11:30 p.m. – 01/27/2025 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: 1300 Block of Brown Street
REPORT #: 25-00458

The Unknown Offender(s) in the 1300 Block of Brown Street damaged the victim's fence area located in the front yard near the northwest corner of Brown Street and Graceland Avenue. The damage was reported to have been on three panels that had been broken by unknown means.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 01/28/2025 8:00 a.m.
LOCATION: 800 Block of W. Oakton Street
REPORT #: 25-00469

The victim and the Unknown Offender were east on Oakton Street in the outside lane of travel approaching the intersection with Elmhurst Road. Near the intersection, the victim slowed for traffic while the offender failed to reduce speed and struck the victim's rear bumper. After the accident, the offender fled south on Elmhurst Road and was described as a black Mazda SUV.

OFFENSE: Criminal Damage to Vehicle / Theft
DATE/TIME: 01/28/2025 7:50 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
LOCATION: 100 Block of N. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT #: 25-00479

The victim's Hyundai Sonata was parked on the west side of a parking lot in the 100 Block of N. Des Plaines River Road during the above time frame when the Unknown Offender(s) broke the lock and then stole a handle mechanism from the vehicle. It appears that the offender damaged the locking mechanism to the exterior of the vehicle and then subsequently stole it.



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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: Burglary
DATE/TIME: 01/28/2025 9:32 p.m.
LOCATION: 1100 Block of E. Oakton Street
REPORT#: 25-00475
SUBJECT NAME: Cruz-Martinez, Constantino
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/11/1973
ADDRESS: 1808 S. Mannheim Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60018

OFFENSE: Criminal Trespass to Real Property
DATE/TIME: 01/28/2025 9:32 p.m.
LOCATION: 1100 Block of E. Oakton Street
REPORT#: 25-00488

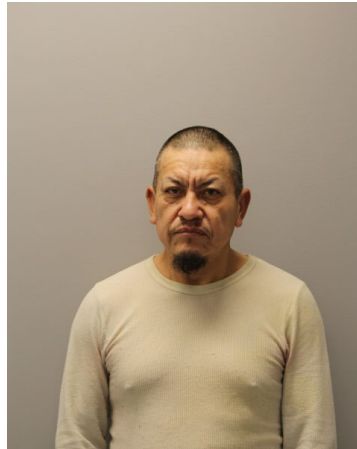
On January 28, 2025, at 10:50 a.m. Des Plaines Police responded to the 1000 Block of E. Oakton Street for the report of a burglary that had occurred. Once on scene, the officer spoke with the construction manager for the model homes who stated that on January 25, 2025, security cameras on the property showed a male subject going into a residence in the 1100 Block of Gerard Avenue and steal two 5-gallon buckets of paint. Due to previous incidents with the male subject, the construction manager stated that he recognized the subject as the above listed, Constantino Cruz-Martinez. The officer then observed the video footage of the incident which showed a Hispanic male wearing a white hat and blue jeans carrying a white/black backpack and riding a silver mountain bike going towards the residence of the incident. As the male subject enters the complex, he begins checking the door handles on other homes that are under construction and enters multiple open garage doors. The subject is then seen entering the front door of a residence in the 1100 Block of Gerard Avenue and shortly after, exits with the two buckets of paint. The subject then flees the area through a fence towards the 1500 Block of Lee Street.

On January 28, 2025, at 9:25 p.m., Des Plaines officers located an open door to a vacant building in the 1100 Block of E. Oakton Street and while conducting a search of the property, observed a mountain bike and then later found Cruz-Martinez sleeping in a room in the southeast corner of the building. Cruz-Martinez was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station while the victim/property manager was contacted and stated they would like to sign complaints against Cruz-Martinez. At the time he was taken into custody, Cruz-Martinez had in his possession the same clothing as listed above along with a crowbar. All items were recovered and brought back to the station.

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Cruz-Martinez was given his Miranda Rights, which he waived and agreed to speak with officers regarding the incident. Cruz-Martinez provided a statement admitting to taking an item from the property. After the interview, the officers contacted the Cook County State's Attorney's Office who approved a felony charge.

Cruz-Martinez was subsequently arrested for one felony count of Burglary and one misdemeanor count of Criminal Trespass to Real Property. He was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.



(Photo in reference to above subject, Constantino Cruz-Martinez)

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.