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# CRIME REPORT

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### NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

**OFFENSE:** Theft of Labor or Services  
**DATE/TIME:** 09/25/2024 – 01/03/2025  
**LOCATION:** 2400 Block of S. Wolf Road  
**REPORT #:** 25-00609 / 25-00610

The victim reported that she is the owner of a stone slab company that sells stone as part of counter tops for cabinets. Between the above dates, on two different occasions, the Unknown Offenders contacted the company and ordered slabs of stone and failed to pay for them. The first offender ordered two slabs for a total of \$1,141.80 and issued a check to the company as payment, which was later rejected by the bank. The second offender ordered a total of twelve slabs worth a total of \$6,099.07 and issued a check that was later rejected. The victim has attempted several times to contact both offenders for payment and has been unable to reach anyone at either company.

**OFFENSE:** Theft  
**DATE/TIME:** 02/01/2025 6:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1300 Block of Jefferson Street  
**REPORT #:** 25-00615

The victim had furniture items delivered to her residence in the 1300 Block of Jefferson Street on the above date and times. The victim moved one of the items to her unit and when she returned, noted that Unknown Offender(s) stole the remainder of the items. The items were described as a bed and a nightstand.

**OFFENSE:** Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property  
**DATE/TIME:** 01/31/2025 4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1500 Block of S. Lee Street  
**REPORT #:** 25-00631

As the victim was leaving the store in the 1500 Block of S. Lee Street, he accidentally dropped his wallet without knowing it. During the time before the victim discovered his wallet missing, the Unknown Offender(s) found the wallet on the ground, picked it up, and left the store with it. Surveillance of the incident shows two Hispanic males, one



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with white hair and the other with black, pick up the wallet and subsequently leave with it.

**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:** Assault / Criminal Damage to Property / Issuance of a Warrant  
**DATE/TIME:** 02/03/2025 1:33 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1400 Block of E. Miner Street  
**REPORT#:** 25-00604 / 25-00608  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Lekina, Mathieu  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 05/20/1989  
**ADDRESS:** 6826 N. Wayne Ave. Chicago, IL 60626

Des Plaines Police responded to a business in the 1500 Block of Rand Road for the report of a male subject inside damaging property. While the officers responded, Cook County Dispatch notified them that the male black subject was damaging merchandise within the store and throwing items near the front. When the officers arrived, they located a male subject, later identified as Mathieu Lekina, who appeared highly agitated in the parking lot. Lekina stated that he was inside the store and that he was upset because no one would help him as he was trying to return an item. Officers then spoke with the victim, a store manager, who stated that after attempting to help Lekina he continued to grow more and more upset and cause a disturbance, so she returned to her office to call 9-1-1. While doing so, Lekina continued to shout profanities at her and threatened physical harm to her. Lekina's information was obtained and ran through the database while he was also taken into custody. Shortly after, CCD informed officers that Lekina had a warrant through the McClean County Sheriff's Police Department. CCD confirmed with MCCSPD that the warrant was valid and extraditable prior to him being transported to the Des Plaines Police station. Once there, Lekina was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each of Assault, Criminal Damage to Property, and the Issuance of a Warrant. Lekina was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.



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<b>OFFENSE:</b>	Domestic Battery
<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	02/04/2025 1:50 a.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	2900 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
<b>REPORT#:</b>	25-00626
<b>SUBJECT NAME:</b>	Evans, James
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	09/25/1997
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	42 Pine Ave. Chicago, IL 60644

Des Plaines Police responded to the 2900 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for the report of a disturbance. The caller/victim stated that she has a dating relationship with the above subject, James Evans, and while at that address, he struck her in the face. Both parties were located on scene and after speaking to them, the officer determined that the physical markings on the victim were consistent with her account of the incident. Evans was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Domestic Battery. Evans was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

<b>OFFENSE:</b>	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol / Traffic
<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	01/25/2025 7:08 p.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Mount Prospect Road / Touhy Avenue
<b>REPORT#:</b>	25-00440
<b>SUBJECT NAME:</b>	Valente Ramos, Gabriel
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	10/30/1981
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	3118 Sandra Ave. Melrose Park, IL 60164

Des Plaines Police responded to the intersection of Mount Prospect Road and Touhy Avenue for a motor vehicle accident. When officers arrived, they learned that the subject vehicle, a black Nissan Maxima was traveling south on Mount Prospect Road just north of the intersection while the victim was traveling north. At some point, the Nissan traveled over the median and into oncoming traffic lanes where it struck the victim head on. The above subject, Gabriel Valente Ramos, was seated in the driver's seat of the Nissan and still in the vehicle when the officers arrived. As the officers approached Valente Ramos, they could smell an odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and was then asked to step out of the vehicle. Valente Ramos complied but had difficulty exiting so the officers then assisted him. While doing so, two bottle caps belonging to alcoholic beverages were seen inside the Nissan. The officer noted that Valente Ramos' eyes were bloodshot, and he was reporting pain in his arm because of the accident.

The Des Plaines Fire Department was called and later arrived on scene. While speaking with them, Valente Ramos admitted to consuming alcohol prior to the accident. DPFD attended to both Valente Ramos and the victim who were then both transported to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Given the physical indicators and the admission of consuming alcohol, Valente Ramos was taken into custody and subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol; ticketed for Improper Lane Usage, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, and the Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Valente Ramos was cited



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and released with his court information.

**OFFENSE:** Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon / Aggravated Assault x2  
**DATE/TIME:** 02/04/2025 5:46 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1200 Block of S. Elmhurst Road  
**REPORT#:** 25-00640  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Njoku, Sean  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 04/17/2003  
**ADDRESS:** 1915 Webster Ln. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the 1200 Block of S. Elmhurst Road for the report of a customer/management dispute. Cook County Dispatch related that there was an irate customer who was now in the parking lot and had a handgun on his person. As officers responded to the area, they located the male subject in question, later identified as Sean Njoku. While speaking with Njoku, the officer learned that he did in fact have a firearm on his person and then requested his driver's license. Njoku provided it to the officer who then ran it through the database. CCD stated that Njoku had a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card but no Illinois Conceal Carry License. Njoku was taken into custody for this violation and a 9mm Glock was recovered from his waistband. As the officers were checking the firearm it was noted that there were bullets in the magazine that was inserted into the gun but there was no round in the chamber.

Officers then spoke with the victims who stated that Njoku came in to drop off his vehicle and began an argument over the required work that needed to be done on it. During the argument, Njoku lifted his shirt and displayed the handgun to the victims while demanding his car get fixed. Both victims stated that they felt threatened by Njoku when he did that. Njoku was transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he admitted to having the firearm on his person without a CCL and that he did display it to the victims.

Due to the nature of the incident, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office was contacted and approved felony charges. Njoku was subsequently arrested for one felony count of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and two misdemeanor counts of Aggravated Assault. Njoku was later transported to the Des Plaines Police station for a detention hearing.



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*(Photo in reference to above subject, Sean Njoku)*

*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.*