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CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Theft
DATE/TIME: 03/28/2025 2:15 p.m.
LOCATION: 1500 Block of Heather Lane
REPORT #: 25-01595

The 58-year-old male Des Plaines resident/victim stated that he ordered two Canadian maple leaf gold coins (estimated value of \$6,138.00 USC) online and they were due to be delivered on March 28, 2025. The victim received a notification from UPS that the package was delivered yet he received no notification on his Ring camera system of movement outside of his home nor did he see a package delivered. After following up with UPS, the victim learned that the Unknown Offender approached the delivery driver in a silver sedan claiming to be a neighbor, signed for the package, and left the area.

OFFENSE: Reckless Discharge of a Firearm
DATE/TIME: 03/29/2025 1:09 a.m.
LOCATION: 200 Block of Springfield Terrace
REPORT #: 25-01600

The Unknown Offender driving a dark colored pick-up truck was in the 200 Block of Springfield Terrace when he pulled over, exited the vehicle, and fired multiple gun shots into the air then proceeded to flee the area. It was later learned that two of the fired rounds had struck the 27-year-old male Des Plaines resident/victim's second floor bathroom. Evidence technicians recovered multiple 9mm shell casings from the roadway.

OFFENSE: Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts
DATE/TIME: 03/17/2025 – 03/29/2025
LOCATION: 0 – 100 Block of Mount Prospect Road
REPORT #: 25-01624

The 57-year-old male Des Plaines resident/victim came into the Des Plaines Police station to report that during the above time frame, the Unknown Offender(s) stole the rear license plate from the victim's Chevrolet Silverado. The victim was unsure of the



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exact location that the theft occurred between Des Plaines, IL and Schaumburg, IL.

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: Battery / City Ordinance
DATE/TIME: 03/29/2025 4:44 a.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT#: 25-01601 / 25-01602
SUBJECT NAME: Fernandez, Refugio
DATE OF BIRTH: 09/06/1999
ADDRESS: 257 W. Butterfield Rd. Elmhurst, IL 60126

Des Plaines Police responded to the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for the report of a battery that had just occurred against one of the businesses employees. As officers arrived on the scene, they located a heavily intoxicated subject, later identified as Refugio Fernandez, near the east side entrance. Fernandez was refusing to cooperate and was detained then escorted to a secure area of the casino. Once there, the officer spoke with the 60-year-old male Des Plaines resident/victim, who stated that he works in the housekeeping division of the casino and was inside the restroom when Fernandez approached him and started an altercation. The victim reported that Fernandez attempted to punch him when he then ran out of the restroom to get help. While doing so, Fernandez followed and picked up a yellow sign and attempted to strike the victim with it. Fernandez never struck the victim, but the victim was in fear that he would be battered by Fernandez. The officer then spoke with a second victim/employee, a 64-year-old male Des Plaines resident, who stated that while he was trying to help the first victim, Fernandez had shoved him into a gaming machine as he walked past him. The actions of Fernandez caused a disturbance to the casino patrons and staff.

The officers attempted to speak with Fernandez about the incident, but he refused to cooperate with the investigation and was frequently swearing at the officers and kicking the door to the room he was seated in. Officers watched the surveillance footage of the incident which was consistent with both victim's recollection of events. At that time, the officers wrote Fernandez three City Ordinance violations for Assault, Battery, and Disturbing the Peace. After issuing the citations, casino security stated they no longer wanted Fernandez on the property and multiple attempts were made to assist Fernandez with a ride. Fernandez was escorted outside but then attempted to re-enter the property and refused to call a friend or use a ride share to leave. The refusal to leave lead to an additional City Ordinance citation for Trespassing.

After receiving the citation, Fernandez again attempted to walk past the officers to re-



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enter the casino. While doing so, Fernandez walked very close to one of the officers/victim #3, causing the officer to place his hands out in front of him to create distance. Fernandez then struck the officer's arm and was then taken into custody. After being transported to the Des Plaines Police station, Fernandez was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Battery.

OFFENSE: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol / Possession of a Controlled Substance / Resisting a Peace Officer / Aggravated Battery / Leaving the Scene of an Accident / Traffic
DATE/TIME: 03/29/2025 11:01 p.m.
LOCATION: 800 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT#: 25-01615
SUBJECT NAME: Habak, Mykhailo
DATE OF BIRTH: 11/20/1990
ADDRESS: 1086 N. King Charles Ct. Palatine, IL 60067

Des Plaines Police responded to the 1700 Block of Sycamore Street for the report of a hit and run accident. As officers were responding to the area, when Cook County Dispatch advised that the caller was stating the driver was possibly intoxicated and had hit her vehicle. The subject vehicle was red in color and was last seen traveling north on Des Plaines River Road. It was later learned that the red vehicle was a Ford Focus and had struck two vehicles that were parked on the south side of the street. The owner of the vehicles heard the accident and when he went outside to check, observed the red sedan approximately one block east of the location with a bald white male wearing a blue shirt standing outside of it. The male subject, later identified as Mykhailo Habak, re-entered his vehicle and fled as 9-1-1 was being called.

Shortly after receiving the call, DPPD received a second call in the area of S. Des Plaines River Road and Miner Street for a motor vehicle accident. CCD relayed that a male subject wearing a blue t-shirt/Habak was last seen fleeing from a red sedan on foot. The accident was caused by the red sedan traveling northbound striking a gray Toyota Camry and propelling it forward and into oncoming traffic, the southbound lanes. This caused the Toyota Camry to collide with a gold Toyota Highlander that was traveling south. The red sedan came to rest on the median after striking a traffic sign.

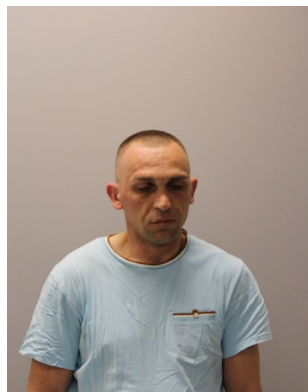
As additional officers responded to the area, Habak was observed in the 800 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road standing on the sidewalk. As the officers approached him, they detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and his eyes were watery/bloodshot. The officers requested Habak's driver's license, however, he refused to provide it to officers even though it was seen in his wallet as Habak was going through it. Habak was being non-compliant with officers' requests and ultimately was being detained. As this was happening, Habak began pulling away from officers. In an attempt to place Habak into custody, Habak tensed his arms to his body trapping one of the officers' wrists and then grabbing onto it, refusing to let it go. Habak was escorted to the ground and gave him further instructions to release the officer's wrist and to place his hands behind his back. Habak refused and began to twist the officer's hand causing injury to the wrist. Eventually, the officers' wrist was freed and Habak was placed into handcuffs.

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The witness from the first accident was transported to the scene and positively identified Habak as being the subject from the accident on Sycamore Street. Habak was transported to the Des Plaines Police station where his property was taken in including a clear plastic bag containing a white powdery substance that was found on his person during a search. The substance was tested using a Narcotics Identification Kit which came back positive for the probable presence of cocaine. The officer also suspected Habak of being intoxicated and requested him to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, which he refused.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office was contacted regarding the incident and who approved felony charges on Habak. Habak was subsequently arrested for one felony count each of Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer and Possession of a Controlled Substance; one misdemeanor count each of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Resisting a Peace Officer, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident; ticketed for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Improper Lane Usage, Disregarding a Stop Sign, and the Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle x2.

Habak was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.



(Photo in reference to Mykhailo Habak)

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.