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CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Deceptive Practice
DATE/TIME: 02/28/2025 – 04/04/2025
LOCATION: 2400 Block of S. Wolf Road
REPORT #: 25-01711

On three separate occasions during the above time frame the Unknown Offender(s) deceived a business in the 2400 Block of S. Wolf Road out of equipment worth approximately \$190,000. The victim/business received three orders for electric pallet jacks, one each on March 11, March 18, and March 28. After calling the receiving company regarding payment, it was learned that that the Unknown Offender(s) were impersonating employees of that company when ordering the equipment and the deliveries were made to a location in Newark New Jersey.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 04/05/2025 11:43 p.m.
LOCATION: Elmhurst Road / Algonquin Road
REPORT #: 25-01742

The 41-year-old male Des Plaines resident/victim and the Unknown Offender were both northbound on Elmhurst Road in the outside lane of travel just before the intersection with Algonquin Road. The victim advised that he was stopped by the red light when the Unknown Offender failed to reduce speed and struck his rear bumper. The offender then fled the area in a black Honda CR-V without providing information.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 04/06/2025 8:22 p.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT #: 25-01752

The 28-year-old Highland Park resident/victim had his vehicle parked on the third floor of the parking garage in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road when the Unknown Offender backed into the rear driver's side bumper. At the time of the accident, the victim's vehicle was unattended, but security footage of the incident



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showed a gray Toyota SUV reversing out of a parking space across from the victim's vehicle. The Toyota backs into the victim's vehicle and then flees the scene without providing information.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 04/06/2025 3:40 p.m.
LOCATION: Mannheim Road / Lee Street
REPORT #: 25-01755

The 27-year-old Franklin Park resident/victim and the Unknown Offender were both south on Mannheim Road approaching the intersection with Lee Street with the victim in the outside lane and the offender in the inside lane. As both vehicles passed Lee Street and began to navigate the curve, the Unknown Offender crossed the lane divider and entered the victim's lane, striking the driver's side of the vehicle. After the accident, the victim pulled over while the Unknown Offender fled southbound in a large silver pick-up truck.

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: Issuance of a Warrant x2
DATE/TIME: 04/04/2025 8:32 p.m.
LOCATION: 1300 Block of E. Touhy Avenue
REPORT#: 25-01724 / 25-01725
SUBJECT NAME: Cortez, Angel Jr.
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/06/1983
ADDRESS: 1991 Ash St. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police were on patrol in the 1300 Block of E. Touhy Avenue traveling westbound when a sedan in the inside lane came to a quick stop and then swerve towards the median of the roadway. The driver, later identified as the above Angel Cortez, was seen exiting the vehicle and walking north on Touhy Avenue across the westbound lanes of traffic. Cortez was wearing all black with no reflective gear and in order to prevent a collision the officer had to swerve his patrol vehicle. At that time, the officer activated his overhead emergency lights and stopped Cortez who stated that he was trying to walk home. The officer requested Cortez' driver's license, to which he provided and after running his information through the database, learned that he had a warrant through the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department as well as one through the DuPage County Sheriff's Police Department. Cook County Dispatch contacted both jurisdictions who confirmed the warrants were valid and extraditable. Cortez was



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advised of the violations and taken into custody where he was subsequently arrested for two counts of the Issuance of a Warrant. Cortez was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

OFFENSE: Driving on a Revoked Driver's License / Traffic
DATE/TIME: 04/05/2025 12:39 a.m.
LOCATION: Golf Road / Des Plaines River Road
REPORT#: 25-01728
SUBJECT NAME: Bustamonte, Jorge
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/25/1986
ADDRESS: 880 E. Old Willow Rd. Prospect Heights, IL 60070

Des Plaines Police were on patrol in the area of Golf Road and Des Plaines River Road when a tan Nissan SUV was seen on the roadway with no illuminated rear license plate light. As the officer got closer to the vehicle, he confirmed that the plate light was in fact not working and activated his overhead emergency lights, curbing the Nissan. As the officer approached the driver/subject, Jorge Bustamonte, he requested his driver's license and proof of insurance. Bustamonte provided the officer with his information and after running it through the database the officer was alerted that he did not have a valid driver's license, said license was revoked by the Illinois Secretary of State. Bustamonte was notified of the violation and asked to step out of the vehicle, to which he complied, and was taken into custody. After being transported to the Des Plaines Police station, Bustamonte was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Driving on a Revoked Driver's License and issued a ticket for No Registration Light. Bustamonte was cited and released with his court information.

OFFENSE: Driving on a Suspended Driver's License / Possession of Adult Use Cannabis in Passenger Area of a Motor Vehicle / Traffic
DATE/TIME: 04/05/2025 11:33 a.m.
LOCATION: 1900 Block of E. Touhy Avenue
REPORT#: 25-01732
SUBJECT NAME: Nieves-Hernandez, Julio
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/21/1973
ADDRESS: 9142 Keating Ave. Skokie, IL 60076

Des Plaines Police were on patrol in the 1900 Block of E. Touhy Avenue when a white Chrysler 300 was seen west on Touhy Avenue from River Road with its front drivers and passenger side window tinted. The officer was unable to see anything through the window due to the grade of tint. The officer activated his overhead emergency lights and stopped the vehicle before speaking to the driver, Julio Nieves-Hernandez. While the officer was explaining the reasoning for the traffic stop, he detected a strong odor of fresh cannabis emitting from the vehicle and observed a silver pipe in the center console area that looked to contain a green leafy substance, suspected to be cannabis. The officer confirmed with Nieves-Hernandez that it was cannabis and Nieves-Hernandez turned it



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over to the officer. Nieves-Hernandez was asked if there was any more cannabis in the vehicle at which time, Nieves-Hernandez reached into his back seat and pulled a white garbage bag out of his backpack. In the garbage bag was a clear plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance. Nieves-Hernandez turned the bags over to the officer. Using the Enforcer II tint reader which indicated that there was a 5% tint on the front windows, the legal minimum being 35%. Nieves-Hernandez had shown the officer a picture of his driver's license and expired insurance, the officer then ran Nieves-Hernandez information through the database. Cook County Dispatch informed the officer that Nieves-Hernandez did not have a valid driver's license, said license was suspended by the Illinois Secretary of State.

Nieves-Hernandez was taken into custody and transported, along with the recovered green leafy substance, to the Des Plaines Police station. Once there, the officer used a Narcotics Identification Kit on the green substance which came back positive for the probable presence of cannabis and weighed just under 30 grams. Nieves-Hernandez was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each of Driving on a Suspended Driver's License and Possession of Adult Use Cannabis in Passenger Area of a Motor Vehicle; ticketed for Obstructed Window Tint and the Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Nieves-Hernandez was cited and released with his court information.

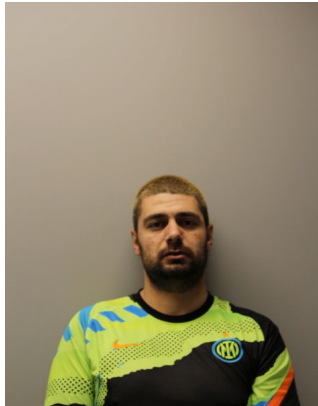
OFFENSE: Possession of a Controlled Substance / Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Compounds / Traffic
DATE/TIME: 04/06/2025 7:05 a.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT#: 25-01746
SUBJECT NAME: Kunov, Bozhidar
DATE OF BIRTH: 01/10/1995
ADDRESS: 9463 Maple Dr. Rosemont, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for the report of a male subject that was asleep in a vehicle. When the officers arrived, they met with the security manager who advised the male subject was seated in the driver's seat and then indicated where the vehicle was. The officer observed a Jeep Cherokee with Florida license plates with a male subject, later identified as Bozhidar Kunov, asleep behind the wheel. The officer also observed that the Jeep had struck a Acura SUV in the parking lot. The jeep was turned off at the time and had tree branches stuck underneath as well as leaking fluid. As the officers approached Kunov, he woke and appeared confused as to what was happening. The officer requested his driver's license which he was unable to provide. The officer noted that Kunov was shaking and jittery with dilated pupils. A small jar was seen in the middle console with a white powdery substance in it, suspecting it to be cocaine. Due to the jar in plain view, Kunov was asked to step out of the vehicle and a search was conducted yielding an open bottle of liquor. The officer suspected that Kunov was under the influence of a drug and a department Drug Recognition Expert was requested to the scene.

Once on scene, the DRE conducted testing of Kunov which indicated that he was under the influence and was taken into custody. Kunov and the recovered items were

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transported to the Des Plaines Police station where the officer used a Narcotics Identification Kit on the white substance. This resulted in a finding of the probable presence of cocaine in the white substance. Kunov was subsequently arrested for one felony count of Possession of a Controlled Substance; one misdemeanor count of Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Compound; ticketed for the Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and the Illegal Transportation or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by a Driver. Kunov was cited and released with his court information.



(Photo in reference to above subject, Bozhidar Kunov)

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.