



# CRIME REPORT

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### **NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:**

**OFFENSE:** Burglary / Motor Vehicle Theft  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/29/2025 7:15 p.m. – 05/30/2025 7:45 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1100 Block of E. Oakton Street  
**REPORT #:** 25-02808

The victim, Hertz Car Rental, had their Nissan Rogue and Ford Edge parked on the property in the 1100 Block of E. Oakton Street overnight when the Unknown Offender(s) stole them. An employee advised that the keys to both of the vehicle's was left inside envelopes on a desk inside the business before end of the day on May 29. The vehicle's were later recovered, one in Park Ridge, IL and one in Chicago, IL.

**OFFENSE:** Motor Vehicle Theft  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/30/2025 2:37 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1900 Block of Birch Street  
**REPORT #:** 25-02818

The victim, a 55-year-old male Des Plaines, IL resident, had his black Alfa Romeo parked in a driveway in the 1900 Block of Birch Street when the Unknown Offender(s) stole the vehicle. Exterior surveillance of the area shows the theft occurred at approximately 2:37 a.m. but no offender information was obtained. The vehicle was last seen southbound on Des Plaines River Road at Touhy Avenue nearly an hour after the theft.

**OFFENSE:** Burglary to Motor Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/30/2025 11:30 a.m. – 05/31/2025 5:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 0 – 100 Block of N. Seventh Avenue  
**REPORT #:** 25-02833

The victim, a 36-year-old male Des Plaines, IL resident, had his Dodge Charger parked on the roadway in the 0 – 100 Block of N. Seventh Avenue overnight when the Unknown Offender(s) shattered the window and appeared to have entered. The driver's side window was shattered and there were exposed wires sticking out of the steering wheel panel which is consistent with someone trying to steal the vehicle unsuccessfully.



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**OFFENSE:** Motor Vehicle Theft  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/31/2025 9:00 p.m. – 06/01/2025 8:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1800 Block of Orchard Street  
**REPORT #:** 25-02851

The victim, a 33-year-old male Des Plaines, IL resident, parked his black Chevrolet Tahoe in a driveway in the 1800 Block of Orchard Street during the above time frame when the Unknown Offender(s) stole the vehicle. At the time of the theft, the doors were unlocked and there was a spare key in the console. The vehicle was later recovered in Chicago, IL.

**OFFENSE:** Burglary to Motor Vehicle  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/31/2025 11:50 p.m. – 06/01/2025 2:20 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1600 Block of Stockton Avenue  
**REPORT #:** 25-02855

The victim, a 23-year-old female Des Plaines, IL resident, parked her white Mercedes-Benz CLA250 on the roadway in the 1600 Block of Stockton Avenue during the above time frame when the Unknown Offender(s) entered the vehicle. There were scratch marks on the front driver's side window and on the interior locking lever. The glovebox was left open and there were papers strewn about the front passenger area.

**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  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/30/2025 10:07 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1500 Block of Ellinwood Street  
**REPORT#:** 25-02827  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Pavlich, Melanie  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 09/10/1980  
**ADDRESS:** 2233 Sweetbriar St. Crest Hill, IL 60403

Des Plaines Police were on patrol in the 1500 Block of Ellinwood Street when the officer saw the above subject, Melanie Pavlich who appeared to have an open can of alcohol in her possession. The officer stopped Pavlich and requested her identification, to which she provided, and then the officer ran it through the database. Cook County Dispatch alerted the officer that Pavlich had a warrant through the Kane County Sheriff's Police Department. CCD confirmed with KCSPD that the warrant was valid and extraditable when she was then notified of the violation. Pavlich was taken into custody, transported to the Des Plaines Police station, and subsequently arrested for the



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Issuance of a Warrant. She was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

**OFFENSE:** Battery  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/31/2025 12:11 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road  
**REPORT#:** 25-02829  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Albrecht, Cody  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/09/2000  
**ADDRESS:** 1434 Oxford Rd. Des Plaines, 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 battery that occurred inside the casino. Once there, officers met with all parties involved and learned that the subject, Cody Albrecht, struck the victim, a 32-year-old Prospect Heights, IL resident. After speaking with Albrecht, the officers determined that while at an unknown gaming table his friend and the victim got into an argument and began to shove each other. Albrecht interceded and struck the victim in the face. Surveillance of the incident was reviewed and showed that after the shoving match between the victim and another party they had all been separated when Albrecht then struck the victim. Albrecht was taken into custody, transported to the Des Plaines Police station, and subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Battery. Albrecht was cited and released with his court information.

**OFFENSE:** Aggravated Domestic Battery / Domestic Battery x2 / Unlawful Restraint / Endangering the Life or Health of a Child / Criminal Damage to Property / Interference with Reporting of Domestic Violence  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/31/2025 7:39 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1600 Block of E. Oakton Street  
**REPORT#:** 25-02834  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Castro, Rafael Jr.  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/21/1984  
**ADDRESS:** 1629 E. Oakton St. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the 1600 Block of E. Oakton Street for the report of a domestic disturbance. When the officers arrived, they observed the victim, a 35-year-old female Des Plaines, IL resident, yelling at the back of the building and then being pulled inside the unit followed by the door being shut. When officers knocked on the door, the male subject, Rafael Castro Jr., answered and agreed to speak with officers about what was going on. After speaking with Castro and all parties on scene it was learned that Castro had struck the victim, with whom he shares a relationship with. Castro was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station. Once there, due to the nature of the incident, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office was contacted and who approved felony charges.

Castro was subsequently arrested for one felony count each of Domestic Battery – Prior Incident, Unlawful Restraint, and Aggravated Domestic Battery; one misdemeanor



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count each of Domestic Battery, Interference with Reporting of Domestic Violence, Criminal Damage to Property, Endangering the Life or Health of a Child. Castro was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

**OFFENSE:** Endangering the Life or Health of a Child  
**DATE/TIME:** 05/31/2025 5:35 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 1700 Block of S. Mount Prospect Road  
**REPORT#:** 25-02840  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Gillespie, Jerry  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 03/21/1995  
**ADDRESS:** 1443 Ashland Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the U-Haul Storage located in the 1700 Block of S. Mount Prospect Road for the report of a suspicious vehicle in the area. The caller advised that there were multiple children left in a running vehicle and there did not appear to be an adult aged person with them. When officers arrived, they located a BMW 550i sitting near one of the bays/garages. The vehicle was running, and it smelled of exhaust in the bay/garage. The officers immediately shut the vehicle off and noted four children inside: a 9-year-old male, 6-year-old male, 4-year-old male, and 10-month-old female. The officers then spoke with the caller who stated that he arrived at the U-Haul Storage and noticed the vehicle occupied by the small children unattended with the bay/garage door closed. Approximately 30 minutes later, and still no adult present, the caller opened the overhead door to release the smell of exhaust. Surveillance of the property was reviewed and showed the vehicle was left at approximately 5:08 p.m. and no one returned until 5:43 p.m., after the police had been contacted. The subject that responded to the vehicle was identified as Jerry Gillespie who admitted to leaving the kids unattended.

Gillespie was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Endangering the Life or Health of a Child. Gillespie was cited and released with his court information.

**OFFENSE:** Issuance of a Warrant  
**DATE/TIME:** 06/01/2025 3:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** 900 Block of S. Elmhurst Road  
**REPORT#:** 25-02860  
**SUBJECT NAME:** Aguilar, Antonio  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 11/09/2000  
**ADDRESS:** 456 Ann St. Elgin, IL 60120

Des Plaines Police responded to the 900 Block of S. Elmhurst Road for the original report of a theft. When the officers arrived, they spoke with the above subject, Antonio Aguilar, who provided his information which was then run through the database. Cook County Dispatch alerted the officer that Aguilar had a warrant through the DuPage County Sheriff's Police Department. The warrant was confirmed to be valid and extraditable when Aguilar was notified of the violation and taken into custody. Aguilar



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was transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for the Issuance of Warrant. Aguilar 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.*