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CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Theft by Deception
DATE/TIME: 05/15/2025 – 06/04/2025
LOCATION: 700 Block of Mark Avenue
REPORT #: 25-02942

Between the above time frame, the female victim (a 48-year-old Des Plaines resident) met the Unknown Offender on a dating app, Dil Mil. Over the course of approximately a month, the offender and victim spoke several times to include FaceTime and other communication on social media apps. During one conversation, the offender convinced the victim to invest in cryptocurrency and that he would assist in setting up her account. The offender proceeded to create an account on “Strike” and the victim proceeded to invest approximately \$108,000 into the account. At one point, the victim reports that all communication with the offender has stopped and that she attempted to access her account but is unable to. After visiting her financial institution, she learns that “Strike” is not a reputable cryptocurrency exchange and furthermore she is unable to convert any of the money to either USC or a more reputable cryptocurrency.

OFFENSE: Criminal Damage to Property
DATE/TIME: 06/06/2025 5:30 p.m. – 6:33 p.m.
LOCATION: 900 Block of N. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT #: 25-02957

During the above time frame, the Unknown Offender damaged the victim’s fence located on the east side of the property in the 900 Block of N. Des Plaines River Road. The victim, a 33-year-old male Des Plaines resident, stated that he heard a noise outside of his residence and observed an unknown male subject with a motorcycle helmet and a black backpack riding a blue dirt bike on his property. When the subject saw the victim, he returned to the hole in the fence that had been cut and fled on a nearby bike trail.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 06/07/2025 6:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 200 Block of E. Touhy Avenue
REPORT #: 25-02972



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The victim, a male Chicago resident, was parked in a private lot in the 200 Block of E. Touhy Avenue when the Unknown Offender(s) struck the victim's Chevrolet Malibu. The damage to the victim's vehicle was described as on the passenger side from front to rear bumper. After the accident, the offender fled the area without providing information.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 06/08/2025 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 500 Block of W. Algonquin Road
REPORT #: 25-02996

The victim, a 21-year-old male Des Plaines resident, and the Unknown Offender were westbound in the 500 Block of W. Algonquin Road when the victim slowed/stopped to make a left turn. As the victim was waiting for eastbound traffic to clear, the offender failed to reduce speed and struck the victim's rear bumper. After initially pulling over into a private parking lot, the offender then fled without providing information. The offending vehicle is described as silver Honda Accord with front end damage.

OFFENSE: Theft
DATE/TIME: 06/05/2025 – 06/06/2025
LOCATION: 1300 Block of Ashland Avenue
REPORT #: 25-02995

The Unknown Offender(s) stole the victim's package that had been delivered on June 5, 2025. The victim, 57-year-old male Des Plaines resident, reported that he had a cellphone delivered on the above time and after checking the tracking number, saw that the package was left on the floor of the mailroom in his apartment building in the 1300 Block of Ashland Avenue. The package was then stolen by the unknown offender(s).

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: Possession of Concealed Firearm Under the Influence of Alcohol, Drugs, or Intoxicating Compounds
DATE/TIME: 06/06/2025 11:20 p.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT#: 25-02961
SUBJECT NAME: Yehia, Khaled
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/19/1997
ADDRESS: 1016 Ridge Ave. Evanston, IL 60202



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On June 6, 2025, Des Plaines officers were conducting a premise check of the parking garage on the north side of the property at the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road when they observed a black Ford Mustang parked in a parking space. The vehicle appeared to be running and occupied by two males, one of which was identified as the front passenger, Khaled Yehia. Both the front driver's side and passenger side windows were open and there was smoke emitting from within the vehicle that smelled strongly of cannabis. The officers stopped their vehicle and as they were approaching the Ford, both windows were quickly shut and the subjects exited. As the officers were speaking with Yehia and the other male, they noted red/glossy eyes and heavy eyelids. Both men denied smoking cannabis at that time, but officers observed, in plain view, inside the vehicle a green leafy substance, suspected to be cannabis, on the front passenger seat. Also observed was an open bottle of alcohol on the passenger side floorboard.

The officers then searched both subjects when they found a THC vape pen in Yehia's jacket pocket. Yehia also admitted to having a Conceal Carry License and that his firearm was underneath the passenger seat. Both Yehia and the other male party were taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station for further investigation. The male party was released from the station without being charged while Yehia was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Possession of Concealed Firearm Under the Influence of Alcohol, Drugs, or Intoxicating Compounds. Yehia was cited and released with his court information.

OFFENSE: Reckless Discharge of a Firearm
DATE/TIME: 06/07/2025 3:16 a.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT#: 25-02940
SUBJECT NAME: Palo, Michael
DATE OF BIRTH: 07/04/1989
ADDRESS: 5200 S. Harper Ave. Chicago, IL 60615

On June 6, 2025, at approximately 3:02 a.m., Des Plaines officers were at the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for an unrelated call when casino staff advised of a suspicious noise on the fourth floor of the parking garage. Rivers Casino security advised the noise possibly sounded like a gun shot. Security advised that it sounded as though the noise came from the southeast corner of the fourth floor of the parking garage and then saw a white vehicle in the area during the same time. Casino security was asked to review surveillance to determine if any shots were fired or any other sort of suspicious activity occurred which came back negative at that time.

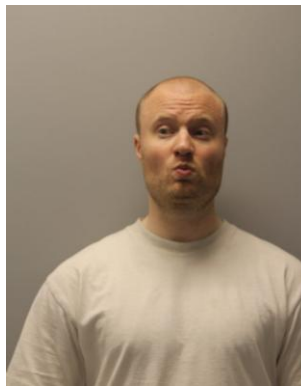
Approximately 20 minutes later, officers responded to the Rivers Casino a second time for another unrelated reason when they were approached by security stating after reviewing more surveillance footage they did observe a male subject, later identified as Michael Palo, discharge a firearm on the fourth floor of the garage. Palo was observed entering a white Toyota Corolla and then exiting the property. The license plate of the vehicle was run through the database which came back to Palo. Prior to the discharge, surveillance observed a male subject park his Toyota on the fourth floor and then

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entering the casino and proceeding to the poker room. Once there, he was identified as Palo. Palo exited the casino and returned to his vehicle at approximately 1:17 a.m. and at 2:52 a.m. moved his vehicle to the southern wall facing southbound and exited. Palo then raised his arm in the air with a firearm in hand and fired one shot, re-entered his Toyota, and fled the parking garage.

On June 7, 2025, Des Plaines officers were again at Rivers Casino for the report of a disturbance. While speaking with security, they stated that Palo had returned to the casino that was now currently inside the property. Officers were escorted to the area where Palo was and took him into custody. During a search of his person, the officer located a black Glock 9mm handgun concealed in his waistband. Palo was transported to the Des Plaines Police station and due to the nature of the incident, contacted the Cook County State's Attorney's Office who then approved of felony charges.

Palo was subsequently arrested for one felony count of the Reckless Discharge of a Firearm. He was cited and released with his court information.



(Photo in reference to above subject, Michael Palo)

OFFENSE: Battery
DATE/TIME: 06/07/2025 3:45 a.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT#: 25-02964
SUBJECT NAME: Smith, Ashley
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/11/1998
ADDRESS: 158 Murray Dr. Wood Dale, IL 60191

Des Plaines Police were dispatched to the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for the report of a fight between multiple people. Prior to the officers arriving, casino security advised that they had separated three subjects involved and were then escorted to the holding area on the property. When officers arrived, they met with all three parties and specifically spoke with the above subject, Ashely Smith, who stated that she was involved in an altercation with the victim, a 21-year-old female Chicago resident, who was a friend of a friend. Smith stated she was unsure of how the altercation started or who hit who first. Casino surveillance was viewed and showed Smith as the aggressor and at one point charging the victim, pushing her to the ground and then striking her multiple times. The altercation is eventually separated when casino



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security arrives on scene and breaks up the fight.

Smith was taken into custody, transported to the Des Plaines Police station where she was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Battery. Smith was cited and released with her court information.

OFFENSE: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol / DUI with a BAC Over .08 / Driving on a Suspended Driver's License / Possession of Concealed Firearm Under the Influence of Alcohol, Drugs, or Intoxicating Compounds / Failure to Remain at the Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident / Traffic

DATE/TIME: 06/07/2025 4:53 a.m.

LOCATION: 400 Block of Graceland Avenue

REPORT#: 25-02967

SUBJECT NAME: McDonald, Jon

DATE OF BIRTH: 02/26/2000

ADDRESS: 4915 W. Thomas St. Chicago, IL 60651

On June 7, 2025, at approximately 4:31 a.m. Des Plaines Police responded to the intersection of Lee Street and Harding Avenue for a hit and run accident involving a dark grey vehicle striking a fence. When the officers arrived on scene they observed a metal fence with damage in the 1500 Block of Rand Road, the GoEVcars parking lot. Left on scene was a dark grey in color side mirror cap in the parking lot near the damaged area. At 4:50 a.m., Des Plaines officers received a report of a dark grey vehicle stuck on the railroad tracks near Graceland Avenue and Miner Street. A check of the area was negative for the vehicle but while traveling south on Graceland Avenue from Rand Road the officer observed a small dark grey Kia Forte swerving out of its lane of travel. The officer activated his overhead emergency lights and stopped the vehicle. When the officer approached the driver's side, a male subject, later identified as the above Jon McDonald, was seen in the driver's seat lifting his shirt up and reaching towards his waistband. Shortly after, a black handgun was seen falling on the floorboard. McDonald was immediately removed from the vehicle and placed into handcuffs and a search of his person resulted in finding multiple rounds of ammunition in his pocket. It appeared to officers that McDonald was intoxicated and a search of his vehicle was also conducted yielding an open can of alcohol in the center console and more ammunition throughout the vehicle.

While looking at the vehicle, the officer noted that it was missing a side mirror and appeared to be the same color as the mirror recovered at the scene of the accident and three of the vehicle's tires were flat.

The officer obtained McDonald's information and ran it through the database to learn that he had a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card and Conceal Carry License, however, did not have a valid driver's license. Said license was suspended by the Illinois Secretary of State. The area of the traffic stop presented itself with safety concerns, so McDonald was transported to the Des Plaines Police station to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. Once at the station, the rear area of the squad car McDonald was transported in smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage that was not there prior to transporting McDonald. McDonald proceeded to refuse all SFST's asked by the officer and he was then escorted to a secure area of the station for follow up. McDonald was



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also asked to provide a breath alcohol sample, which he agreed, and submitted a sample that read more than twice the legal limit.

McDonald was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, DUI with a BAC Over .08, Driving on a Suspended Driver's License, Possession of a Concealed Firearm Under the Influence of Alcohol / Drugs/ or Intoxicating Compounds, and Failure to Remain at the Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident; ticketed for Improper Lane Usage, Illegal Transportation or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by a Driver, and the Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

McDonald was cited and released with his court information.

OFFENSE: Resisting a Peace Officer / City Ordinance
DATE/TIME: 06/07/2025 11:34 p.m.
LOCATION: 700 Block of S. Elmhurst Road
REPORT#: 25-02984
SUBJECT NAME: Sakaluk, Michal
DATE OF BIRTH: 12/15/2005
ADDRESS: 6615 S. Perry Ave. Chicago, IL 60621

Des Plaines Police responded to the 700 Block of Cavan Lane for the report of a disturbance where it was reported two male subjects were in the alley yelling racial slurs. One of the subjects was described as a white male with a red hooded sweatshirt and a male subject with a black hooded sweatshirt. It was also reported that they might be doing graffiti on a building in the 700 Block of S. Elmhurst Road. The victim, a 37-year-old female Des Plaines resident, stated that they were continuing to yell racial slurs and were now throwing rocks at a residence. When the officers arrived, they spoke with the victim who stated that her children were in the backyard when they heard two men using vulgar language. The victim spoke with the men who continued to be vulgar and then started throwing rocks toward the residence before running off toward the 700 Block of S. Elmhurst Road.

The officers began to check the area when a male subject with a red hooded sweatshirt was seen peeking out from around an apartment building towards the officers. As officers were drawn to the area, they saw the male subject go into the building hallway and then close the back entry door as the officers were approaching. The officers opened the door and found the subjects who then proceeded to run from the officers even after being told to stop twice. One of the officers was able to catch the male subject in the red hooded sweatshirt and place him in handcuffs. The subject was identified as the above, Michal Sakaluk, who was then positively identified as being one of the subjects in the alley. Sakaluk was transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Resisting a Peace Officer; ticketed for Des Plaines City Ordinance Disorderly Conduct. Sakaluk was cited and released with his court information.



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OFFENSE: Issuance of a Warrant
DATE/TIME: 06/08/2025 1:20 a.m.
LOCATION: 1400 Block of Prairie Avenue
REPORT#: 25-02989
SUBJECT NAME: Taylor, Robert
DATE OF BIRTH: 12/07/1962
ADDRESS: 2606 N. California Ave. Chicago, IL 60647

OFFENSE: Issuance of a Warrant x4
REPORT#: 25-02991
SUBJECT NAME: McCrossan, Pauline
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/18/1959
ADDRESS: 8895 Kennedy Dr. Des Plaines, IL 60016

Des Plaines Police were on patrol and conducting a check of the area in the 1400 Block of Prairie Avenue due to reports of subjects sleeping and smoking in the stairwells of the parking garage. While officers were checking the stairwell, they located multiple subjects and requested their identification. A female subject, Pauline McCrossan, and male subject, Robert Taylor, both provided their information which was then run through the database. Cook County Dispatch alerted the officers that McCrossan had warrants through the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department while Taylor had a warrant through the Illinois Department of Corrections. CCD confirmed that all warrants were valid and extraditable when McCrossan and Taylor were taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station. Once there, Taylor was subsequently arrested for one count of the Issuance of a Warrant. McCrossan was subsequently arrested for four counts of the Issuance of a Warrant. Both Taylor and McCrossan were later brought to a Cook County courthouse for detention hearings.

OFFENSE: Domestic Battery / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
DATE/TIME: 06/08/2025 2:24 a.m.
LOCATION: 900 Block of S. Elmhurst Road
REPORT#: 25-02988
SUBJECT NAME: Krakchev, Dinko
DATE OF BIRTH: 07/08/1983
ADDRESS: 1107 Wilke Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Des Plaines Police responded to the 1100 Block of Holiday Lane for the report of a battery. Cook County Dispatch advised the officers that the victim, a 37-year-old female Des Plaines resident, reported that the subject, Dinko Krakchev, threatened her with a knife. After the incident and prior to the officers arriving, Krakchev fled the residence and was last seen in a blue sweater and gray pants. Responding officers located a male subject matching that description in the 900 Block of S. Elmhurst Road. The officer stopped Krakchev and placed him in handcuffs while further conducting the investigation. Krakchev's person was searched, and the officers located a glass rod with a burnt residence in it known to officers as something commonly used to ingest



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narcotics. Other officers responded to the scene and spoke with the victim who stated that she and Krakchev shared a previous dating history and on today's date they began to argue. During the argument, Krakchev had displayed a knife and threatened her with it. Krakchev was given his Miranda Rights, waived them, and agreed to speak with officers. Krakchev provided a statement that he argued with the victim and there was a knife involved but was not specific about how it was used during the incident. Krakchev was transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each of Domestic Battery and the Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

OFFENSE: Obstructing a Peace Officer / Criminal Trespass to Real Property
DATE/TIME: 06/08/2025 1:25 p.m.
LOCATION: 1500 Block of Ellinwood Street
REPORT#: 25-02994
SUBJECT NAME: Chemers, John
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/10/1965
ADDRESS: 1487 Oakwood Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60016

Des Plaines Police responded to Des Plaines Public Library in the 1500 Block of Ellinwood Street for the report of a verbal altercation between two subjects. When officers arrived, they located the two males, one of which was later identified as the above John Chemers. The officers observed them arguing and separated both parties at that time. As officers were trying to obtain Chemers information and ascertain what had happened, Chemers continuously walked away from the officer and refused to provide his identification. Chemers was repeatedly asked to provide his information and each time refused. The officer then spoke with Library staff who stated that Chemers has been trespassed from the property and is not allowed there. The officers informed Chemers that he had previously been warned that he was not allowed on the property and thus his being there was against the law. Chemers was taken into custody and transported him to the Des Plaines Police station. At that time, Chemers identity had not yet been obtained from Chemers himself and he was refusing to provide any information. At the station, the officers performed a fingerprint inquiry on Chemers when they were then able to positively identify him. Chemers was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Criminal Trespass to Real Property and Obstructing a Peace Officer. He 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.