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CRIME REPORT

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June 30 – July 3, 2025

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 06/28/2025 10:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 2900 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT #: 25-03433

The victim, a 44-year-old female Lincolnwood resident, was parked in a Nissan Altima in a lot in the 2900 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road when the Unknown Offender struck the driver's side door area. The victim reported that she was unsure of the direction the vehicle was traveling and was unable to provide a description. The offender fled the area without providing information.

OFFENSE: Retail Theft
DATE/TIME: 06/11/2025 11:17 p.m.
LOCATION: 800 Block of S. Elmhurst Road
REPORT #: 25-03438

On the above date and time, the Unknown Offenders entered the Jewel Osco located in the 800 Block of S. Elmhurst Road and stole multiple items including toiletries and alcohol from the store. Surveillance of the incident was watched by a store employee that showed a black male wearing a face mask, green shirt, and white shoes entered the store and filled a shopping cart with approximately seven bottles of alcohol, laundry detergent, and toilet paper (estimated value of all items was \$375.86). The male party then leaves the store past the last point of checkout without paying for the items and fled in a light-colored sedan. This incident was delayed in reporting, date of report was June 30.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 06/30/2025 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 200 Block of E. Touhy Avenue
REPORT #: 25-03440

The victim's Toyota Camry was parked in a lot in the 200 Block of E. Touhy Avenue when the Unknown Offender struck the front driver's side bumper. The victim's vehicle was unattended at the time of the accident and the offender fled the area without providing information.



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OFFENSE: Theft by Deception
DATE/TIME: 07/01/2025 Noon – 3:37 p.m.
LOCATION: 1200 Block of E. Oakton Street
REPORT #: 25-03454

The victim, a 42-year-old male Blaine, MN resident, was in contact with the Unknown Offender via Facebook Marketplace in reference to buying a Toyota Highlander from the offender. After a discussion of price and where to meet, both the victim and offender agreed to the exchange in a parking lot in the 1200 Block of E. Oakton Street. Once there, the victim provided the offender with \$15,000 USC and in return the offender gave the victim a key fob stating it was for the Toyota that was on scene. The offender then entered a waiting vehicle in the front passenger seat and began to drive away as the victim entered the Toyota and attempted to start it but it received an error code regarding the fob. The officer ran the vehicle's license plates and learned that the Toyota was reported stolen by the Chicago Police Department on July 1, 2025. The offender was described as a black male with dreadlocks, a slim build, and an unknown forehead tattoo.

OFFENSE: Motor Vehicle Theft
DATE/TIME: 07/01/2025 10:00 p.m. – 07/02/2025 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: 400 Block of Amherst Avenue
REPORT #: 25-03471

The victim, a 61-year-old male Des Plaines resident, parked his Dodge Durango in a driveway in the 400 Block of Amherst Avenue during the above time frame when the Unknown Offender(s) stole the vehicle. It is not known how the offender(s) accessed the interior of the vehicle at this time.

OFFENSE: Deceptive Practice
DATE/TIME: 06/27/2025 – 07/01/2025
LOCATION: 900 Block of Carlow Drive
REPORT #: 25-03478

The victim, a 71-year-old female Des Plaines resident, reported that she mailed a check for the water bill using the Prospect Heights Post Office on June 27, 2025, and on July 1, 2025, she was notified of possible fraudulent activity to her account by her financial institution. It was learned that the Unknown Offender(s) intercepted the payment and forged different information for both the payee as well as the amount. The check was then deposited in the amount of \$4,998.00 using an ATM in Minnesota according to bank records.

OFFENSE: Deceptive Practice
DATE/TIME: 06/23/2025 – 06/27/2025
LOCATION: 700 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT #: 25-03483



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The victim, an 87-year-old male Des Plaines resident, stated that between the above time frame he was contacted via text message regarding a suspicious purchase. After calling the phone number provided, the victim was connected with the Unknown Offender "Arron Jameison" who identified himself as a representative from the Federal Trade Commission. The offender advised the victim that in order to secure his funds he needed to withdraw \$20,000.00 from his bank and then submit it to a Bitcoin ATM machine and provided him with the account information of where to deposit the money. On June 27, 2025, the victim complied with the request but after had received several more phone calls from different phone numbers to deposit additional money or he would face consequences. The victim came into the station to report the incident on July 2, 2025.

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: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol / Failure to remain on Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident / Traffic
DATE/TIME: 07/01/2025 9:06 p.m.
LOCATION: 1700 Block of Oakton Street
REPORT#: 25-03465
SUBJECT NAME: Bjarnarson, Joshua
DATE OF BIRTH: 07/17/1984
ADDRESS: 1541 Van Buren Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the report of a motor vehicle accident in the 1700 Block of Maple Street. Officers were advised by Cook County Dispatch that the driver of the offending vehicle, later identified as Joshua Bjarnarson, was walking away from the accident after having hit a parked car with his Toyota Camry. It was learned that Bjarnarson was north on Maple Street in his Toyota when he struck a Subaru wagon parked on the east side of the roadway. While responding and searching the area, the officers spoke to a witness who stated that the male subject/ Bjarnarson was last seen running north on Maple Street towards Oakton Street wearing shorts, a black t-shirt, and had a beard. Officers traveled to the last seen location and observed Bjarnarson matching the description provided. The officer activated her overhead emergency lights at which Bjarnarson began to run west behind the businesses in the 1800 Block of Oakton Street. Shortly later, Bjarnarson was stopped and taken into custody for fleeing. As the officers were placing him in handcuffs, they noted a strong odor of an alcohol beverage emitting within the area surrounding Bjarnarson. Bjarnarson was then positively identified as the subject observed driving the vehicle at the time of the accident and fleeing from the scene.

Officers conducted a search of Bjarnarson's person and located a set of car keys that were later determined to belong to Toyota on scene of the crash. Bjarnarson admitted to



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owning a Toyota and later admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving. As a result of the accident, Bjarnarson suffered minor injury and the Des Plaines Fire Department was requested to the scene. Once there, DPFD transported Bjarnarson to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Due to this, Bjarnarson was unable to complete any testing as requested by the officers, however, with the statements made and other indicators the officers determined that he was intoxicated.

Bjarnarson was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Failure to Remain on Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident; ticketed for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid and Accident and the Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Bjarnarson 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.