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CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Deceptive Practice
DATE/TIME: 03/21 – 04/09 2026
LOCATION: 1400 block of Elmhurst Road
REPORT #: 26-02149

A Des Plaines Police officer met with the business owner at a Dairy Queen regarding two fraudulent online orders. The owner reported receiving a chargeback notice for an order later determined to be fraudulent and learned of a second fraudulent order processed through the same online ordering system. Both orders were delivered and were associated with unauthorized credit card use.

ARRESTS:

OFFENSE: Domestic Battery
DATE/TIME: 04/10/2026 6:01 PM
LOCATION: 700 block of Madelyn Dr.
REPORT#: 26-02153
SUBJECT NAME: Magdalena Wojtanowicz
DATE OF BIRTH: 09/26/1978
ADDRESS: 752 Madelyn Dr. Des Plaines, IL 60016

Des Plaines Police officers responded to the 700-block of E. Madelyn Drive for a domestic disturbance involving a physically aggressive offender. Officers learned the involved adult male and his wife, Magdalena N. Wojtanowicz, had argued over financial matters. The male reported Magdalena pushed him down the stairs and struck him in the face, and officers observed redness on his face. He wished to sign complaints for domestic battery. Magdalena initially denied any physical altercation but later admitted striking him. She appeared intoxicated and became irate with officers. Magdalena was placed under arrest for domestic battery and transported to the Des Plaines Police Department. She was taken to the Cook County Courthouse for a Detention Hearing.



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OFFENSE: DUI, Failure to reduce speed to avoid accident, traffic
DATE/TIME: 04/10/2026 8:01 PM
LOCATION: 1600 block of E. Golf Road
REPORT#: 26-002156
SUBJECT NAME: Jose Pedroza
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/21/2003
ADDRESS: 821 Piper Lane Prospect Heights, IL 60070

A Des Plaines Police officer responded to the 1600-block of E. Golf Road for a property-damage crash. Officers found a red Hyundai that had repeatedly struck the rear of another vehicle. The driver, Jose O. Pedroza, was located in the driver's seat asleep and showed signs of impairment. Officers observed open alcoholic beverages in the vehicle. The victim driver reported that the offending vehicle struck her vehicle multiple times. Additional unopened and open alcoholic beverages, a vape device, and personal items belonging to Pedroza were later found during an inventory search of the vehicle. Pedroza was transported to a hospital, where he was taken into custody. He later admitted to consuming multiple alcoholic beverages and acknowledged driving prior to the crash.

Pedroza was issued citations for DUI, illegal transportation of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on a cite-and-release with a court date in Skokie.

OFFENSE: Possession of Cannabis in Vehicle, Resisting/Obstructing, Traffic
DATE/TIME: 04/10/2026 10:48 PM
LOCATION: 1500 block of Rand Road
REPORT#: 26-02158
SUBJECT NAME: Joel Cerda Martinez
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/09/2003
ADDRESS: 648 Piper Ln Prospect Heights, Illinois 60070

A Des Plaines Police officer observed a vehicle with dark and obstructed window tint traveling on River Road and conducted a traffic stop in the 1500-block of Rand Road. Upon making contact with the driver, Joel D. Cerda Martinez, officers observed a jar containing suspected cannabis in the cupholder and detected a strong odor of fresh cannabis. Joel attempted to conceal the jar and refused multiple commands to exit the vehicle, resulting in his arrest for obstructing. The front passenger, Sergio A. Patino Jaime, also refused to exit the vehicle and was removed and detained, then later released without charges. A third passenger exited voluntarily but did not provide identification. A search of the vehicle revealed a jar of suspected cannabis in the center console. Joel was transported to the Des Plaines Police Department. The plant material tested positive for the probable presence of cannabis. Joel was issued citations related to improper cannabis transport and obstructing and was released on a cite-and-notice with court information.



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OFFENSE: Warrant
DATE/TIME: 04/11/2026 1:08 AM
LOCATION: 912 Parkview Ln
REPORT#: 26-02160
SUBJECT NAME: Tomasz Dawid
DATE OF BIRTH: 10/21/1992
ADDRESS: 912 Parkview Ln. Des Plaines, IL 60016

A Des Plaines Police officer responded to the 900-block of Parkview Lane after a 911 call reporting screaming in the area. Officers made contact with an individual at the residence, identified as Tomasz Dawid, who stated the noise was coming from the rear of the house. A records check showed he had an active warrant. Dawid was taken into custody for the warrant and transported to the Des Plaines Police Department for processing and later transported to the Cook County Courthouse.

OFFENSE: Aggravated Assault, Criminal Trespass to Property
DATE/TIME: 04/11/2026 3:03 AM
LOCATION: 3000 S River Road
REPORT#: 26-02162
SUBJECT NAME: Mikhail Pekus
DATE OF BIRTH: 02/20/2002
ADDRESS: 600 Devonshire Dr. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police officers responded to the taxi area of Rivers Casino for an intoxicated male attempting to enter vehicles. Officers made contact with Mikhail R. Pekus, who showed signs of intoxication and refused to leave the property. Pekus made vulgar statements, repeatedly approached officers, and ignored commands to step back. He held his hands close to an officer's face and pushed against the officer's hand when distance was attempted, causing the officer to fear being struck. Pekus continued to refuse to comply and was placed under arrest for trespassing and aggravated assault. Pekus was taken to the police station. Pekus was later cited and released with his court information.

OFFENSE: Warrant
DATE/TIME: 04/11/2026 8:18 PM
LOCATION: 1600 block of Rand Road
REPORT#: 26-02172
SUBJECT NAME: Josue Alvarado Carabantes
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/28/1996
ADDRESS: 4734 Rose St. Schiller Park, IL 60176

A Des Plaines Police officer observed a vehicle with dark window tint and a non-functional registration lamp traveling on River Road and conducted a traffic stop in



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the 1600-block of Rand Road. The driver, Josue M. Alvarado Carabantes, did not have an Illinois driver's license and provided a license from Honduras. A records check showed he had an active Cook County warrant. Josue was placed under arrest on the warrant. Josue was transported to the Des Plaines Police Department for processing and later transported to the Cook County Courthouse.

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.