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CRIME REPORT

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May 6 – 8, 2026

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Motor Vehicle Theft
DATE/TIME: 05/05/2026 9:00 p.m. – 05/06/2026 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: 1100 Block of Webster Lane
REPORT #: 26-02725

The victim, a 64-year-old male Des Plaines resident, had his Chevrolet Camaro parked in a driveway in the 1100 Block of Webster Lane overnight when the Unknown Offender(s) stole the vehicle. In place of where the vehicle had been parked the victim and officer observed broken glass on the ground. The vehicle was later located in the 5100 Block of W. Eddy Street in Chicago, IL.

OFFENSE: Theft
DATE/TIME: 05/07/2026 12:29 p.m.
LOCATION: 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road
REPORT #: 26-02751

The victim, a 40-year-old male Des Plaines resident, was inside the Rivers Casino located in the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road when he dropped his wallet in the casino coffeeshop. After doing so, the Unknown Offender picked it up and then left the casino. The offender was described as a male subject who fled the area after the theft.

ARRESTS:

OFFENSE: Aggravated Driving with a Revoked License / Driving while License Revoked, Failure to Remain on Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident / Traffic
DATE/TIME: 05/06/2026 4:34 p.m.
LOCATION: 1800 Block of N. Milwaukee Avenue Libertyville, IL 60048
REPORT#: 26-02716
SUBJECT NAME: Morales, Cristian
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/17/1988
ADDRESS: 136 Wheeling Ave. Wheeling, IL 60090

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On May 6, 2026, Des Plaines Police responded to the 3000 Block of S. Des Plaines River Road for the report of a hit and run accident. When the officer arrived at the scene, they spoke with the driver on scene and learned they were southbound on Des Plaines River Road driving an Eldorado bus in the outside lane of travel while passing a parking lot. The Unknown Subject was leaving the parking lot onto southbound Des Plaines River Road but failed to yield to traffic and struck the passenger side of the bus. After the accident, the subject continued south on Des Plaines River Road and then turn right/west onto Devon Avenue.

Rivers Casino security advised that they had been out with a vehicle matching the description of the subject vehicle, a blue Subaru SUV, and had identified the driver as the above subject, Cristian Morales. Morales left the casino property and struck the bus before fleeing the area. Officers called neighboring jurisdictions where the vehicle had registered to but they were unable to locate the driver.

Through follow-up investigation, officers learned that Morales did not have a valid driver's license, said license was revoked by the Illinois Secretary of State. A short while later, officers were contacted by the Libertyville Police Department stating that they had located the vehicle at a hotel in the 1800 Block of N. Milwaukee Avenue.

Officers then traveled to the hotel and made contact with Morales who was then made aware of the why the officers were speaking with him.

Morales was taken into custody, transported to the Des Plaines Police station and subsequently arrested for one felony count of Aggravated Driving with a Revoked License; one misdemeanor count each of Driving while License Revoked and Failure to Remain on Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident; ticketed for Failure to Yield Exiting a Private Driveway. He was cited and released with his court information.



(Photo in reference to above subject, Cristian Morales)



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OFFENSE: Issuance of a Warrant
DATE/TIME: 05/07/2026 7:29 p.m.
LOCATION: 2000 Block of Pine Street
REPORT#: 26-02756
SUBJECT NAME: Banuelos, Roman
DATE OF BIRTH: 04/26/1996
ADDRESS: 1370 Fargo Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police observed a maroon Chevrolet SUV approaching a stop sign at Howard Avenue and Ash Street and once there, failed to stop at the sign. The officer pulled behind the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 Block of Pine Street. After approaching the driver, Roman Banuelos, the officer informed the driver of the reason for the stop and then requested his driver's license and insurance. After providing the officer with his identification, Banuelos' information was run through the database when officers were alerted that he had an active warrant through the Kane County Sheriff's Police Department.

The officer advised Banuelos of the violation and requested him to exit the vehicle, which he did and was then taken into custody. Banuelos was transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one count of the Issuance of a Warrant. He was then turned over to the KCSPD.

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.