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CRIME REPORT

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NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS:

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 05/23/2026 11:21 p.m.
LOCATION: Golf Road / Broadway Street
REPORT #: 26-03141

The victim was navigating the traffic circle intending to exit south onto Broadway Street while the Unknown Offender was eastbound on Golf Road approaching the yield sign at the traffic circle. Once there, the Unknown Offender failed to yield and struck the front passenger side of the victim's vehicle. After the accident, the offender fled east on Golf Road towards Rand Road in a black Toyota hatchback without providing information.

OFFENSE: Hit and Run Accident
DATE/TIME: 05/25/2026 7:00 a.m. - Noon
LOCATION: 800 Block of S. Elmhurst Road
REPORT #: 26-03166

The victim's vehicle was parked in a lot in the 800 Block of S. Elmhurst Road near the northside during the above time frame when the Unknown Offender struck their rear driver's side bumper. After the accident, the offending vehicle fled the area without providing information.

ARRESTS:

OFFENSE: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol / DUI with a BAC Over .08 / Failure to Remain on Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident / Traffic
DATE/TIME: 05/23/2026 2:09 a.m.
LOCATION: 300 Block of Dover Lane
REPORT#: 26-03126 / 26-03128
SUBJECT NAME: Romo Hernandez, Benjamin
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/08/1985
ADDRESS: 345 Dover Ln. Des Plaines, IL 60018



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On May 23, 2026, at approximately 1:23 a.m., Des Plaines Police responded to the 900 Block of S. Elmhurst Road for the report of a hit and run accident where it was stated that the at fault vehicle was a black pick-up truck. When officers arrived on scene, they spoke with witness who stated that he was parked in the parking lot sitting inside the vehicle when he heard an accident. After exiting his vehicle, he observed damage to the rear driver's side bumper. The witness approached the male driver of a black pick-up truck and after a brief verbal exchange regarding the accident, the male subject fled I the truck without providing information. The witness noted that he believed the male subject was intoxicated at the time of the accident but stated he did not want to sign complaints for the accident.

Officers had checked the area but were unable to locate the truck at that time. At approximately 1:25 a.m., Des Plaines Police responded to the 700 Block of Cordial Drive for the report of a second accident where the offending vehicle fled the area after striking three parked cars. A witness relayed that he heard a loud noise outside and observed heavy damage to the vehicles that were parked on the roadway. One of the vehicle owners that heard about the accident exited his residence and began to follow the black pick-up truck that had struck his vehicle. Shortly after, Cook County Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from that vehicle owner stating he had followed the vehicle to the 300 Block of Dover Lane and that the driver was outside of the car and on the ground. Officers responded to that location and met with the male subject that was seen exiting the black pick-up, later identified as Benjamin Romo Hernandez. The pick-up truck was seen with heavy front-end damage consistent with damage that would have been caused as a result of the accidents. Romo Hernandez admitted to driving the vehicle but was not aware of the accidents. He also admitted to consuming alcohol prior to driving. Romo Hernandez was asked to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, to which he agreed. Upon completion, he showed visible signs of impairment and was taken into custody. Romo Hernandez was transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was asked to provide a breath alcohol sample. Romo Hernandez agreed and the result of the test was over twice the legal limit.

Romo Hernandez was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count each of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, DUI with a BAC Over .08, and Failure to Remain on Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident; ticketed for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. He was cited and released with his court information.

OFFENSE: Issuance of a Warrant
DATE/TIME: 05/24/2026 7:15 a.m.
LOCATION: 1400 Block of S. Lee Street
REPORT#: 26-03144
SUBJECT NAME: Iversen, William
DATE OF BIRTH: 09/15/1984
ADDRESS: 1158 Neaway Ln. Antioch, IL 60002

Des Plaines Police responded to the Starbucks located in the 1400 Block of S. Lee Street where it was reported that an intoxicated male subject was inside the business. When officers arrived, they met the above subject, William Iversen, and advised that he needed to leave and had been previously warned that if he came onto the property he was



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trespassing. The officers requested Iversen's information, which was then run through the database by Cook County Dispatch who then advised that he had a warrant through the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. CCD confirmed that the warrant was valid and extraditable when Iversen was advised of the violation and then taken into custody.

Iversen was transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one count of the Issuance of a Warrant. He was later brought to a Cook County courthouse for a detention hearing.

OFFENSE: Possession of Methamphetamine / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia / Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle when Registration Suspended / Traffic
DATE/TIME: 05/25/2026 1:23 a.m.
LOCATION: 800 Block of E. Touhy Avenue
REPORT#: 26-03161
SUBJECT NAME: Barretto, Dennis
DATE OF BIRTH: 08/01/1974
ADDRESS: 6147 N. Washtenaw Ave. Chicago, IL 60659

Des Plaines Police were on patrol neat the area of Touhy Avenue and Wolf Road at approximately 12:58 a.m. when officers observed a grey Cadillac SRX traveling east on Touhy Avenue. The officer checked the registration of the vehicle and noted that it was suspended. After activating his overhead emergency lights, the officer stopped the Cadillac in the 800 Block of E. Touhy Avenue and spoke with the two occupants, one of which was the driver, Dennis Barretto. Barretto was advised of the reason for the stop and asked for his driver's license and proof of insurance. In response to the officers requested, Barretto provided him a paper copy of his driver's license and leaned towards the glove box to retrieve his insurance. While doing so, the officer observed a small clear plastic bag containing a white crystal-like substance near Barretto's feet. When additional officers arrived, Barretto was asked to exit the vehicle and a search was conducted where the previously mentioned bag was recovered along with another similar bag and a clear glass pipe from the center console, this is commonly known to be used to ingest narcotics. Barretto was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station along with the recovered items. Once there, the officer used a Narcotics Identification Kit to identify the white crystal-like substance which tested positive for the probable presence of methamphetamine. Barretto was subsequently arrested for one felony count of Possession of Methamphetamine; one misdemeanor count each of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Operation of a Motor Vehicle when Registration is Suspended; ticketed for the Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Driver's License Expired. He was cited and released with his court information.

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(Photo in reference to above subject, Dennis Barretto)

OFFENSE: Battery
DATE/TIME: 05/25/2026 11:17 p.m.
LOCATION: Maple Street / Morse Avenue
REPORT#: 26-03172
SUBJECT NAME: Rojas, Angel
DATE OF BIRTH: 12/07/1993
ADDRESS: 1773 Stockton Ave. Des Plaines, IL 60018

Des Plaines Police responded to the corner of Maple Street and Morse Avenue for the report of an intoxicated subject who had fallen off his bicycle. When officers arrived, they located the subject, Angel Rojas, who at this time was standing in the roadway and appeared intoxicated. The officers began asking Rojas about what happened and asked for his information when he then became increasingly aggressive towards officers. Rojas started to come towards one of the officers with his hand extended and then struck the officer in the arm multiple times.

Rojas was taken into custody and transported to the Des Plaines Police station where he was subsequently arrested for one misdemeanor count of Battery. 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.