



Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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Date: October 27, 2023

- 10/21 Domestic Battery 300 Block of W. 35th St. Subject refusing to leave the victim's apartment escalated and a physical altercation ensued. Parties separated prior to police arrival.
- 10/21 Criminal Damage to Property – 3300 Block of Morgan St. Offender unknown damaged a window to the victim's 2015 Nissan Sentra, while it was parked in her driveway. The victim reported nothing was taken from the vehicle.
- 10/21 Child Custody Dispute – 400 Block of W. 34th St. Subject was denied visitation by other party. It was reported that the court order was expired. Both parties were referred to the Will County Courthouse for further.
- 10/21 Disturbance – 300 Block of 34th St. Verbal altercation in the parking lot of the apartment complex. Father was upset due to a juvenile video recording his daughter, who was involved in a physical altercation with another female juvenile. Parties separated prior to police arrival. Report on file.
- 10/21 Criminal Damage to Property – 3700 Block of Union Ave. Offender unknown damaged the victim's door frame to her main entry door. The door was secured and did not appear the offender made entry.
- 10/21 Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm – 3300 Block of Chicago Rd. Offender(s) unknown fired numerous rounds in the parking lot near the Glass Tap Bar. Police canvassed the area and processed the scene. There were no reported injuries. Police are investigating.
- 10/22 Traffic Arrest – 34th & Kings Rd. Kenya M. Watkins, 27 of Chicago Heights was arrested for Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Peace Officer, Suspended Registration No Insurance, and Speeding in a School Zone. Watkins was cited and released.

- 10/23 Aggravated Assault – 434 W. 34th St. The victim told police she was carrying clothing out of the laundromat when her ex-boyfriend pulled up in his vehicle. When the victim ignored him he threatened to kill her and shoot up her house. The victim reported seeing a black pistol on her ex-boyfriend's lap. Police are investigating.
- 10/24 Residential Burglary – 3600 Peoria St. Resident came home and observed two men exiting her front entry door. The resident confronted one of the offenders, who told her he resides there. The resident went to the neighbor's house and asked them to call police. The offender's fled in a SUV. Police relayed the vehicle and offender information to surrounding police agencies. The vehicle was located by the Chicago Police Department. Steger Police responded to the scene and took the two suspects in custody. The investigation led to the arrest of Jason A. Monchunski, 46 of Joliet and Michael C. Smith, 28 of Chicago. Monchunski & Smith were processed and transported to the Will County Adult Detention Center.
- 10/24 Domestic Disturbance – 400 Block of W. 34th St. Verbal altercation between cohabitants. Information provided to obtain an Order of Protection. Parties separated, peace restored.
- 10/25 Harassment – 3600 Block of Union Ave. Ex-boyfriend came over and banging on the door, and sits outside her apartment. Information provided to obtain an Order of Protection.
- 10/26 Domestic Dispute – 100 Block of E. 34th St. Altercation between parties in a dating relationship. Parties separated prior to police arrival. Report on file.
- 10/26/23 Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm, CDP – 300 Block of W. 34th St. at approximately 10:42 a.m. Steger & South Chicago Heights Police responded to a shots fired call. Police arrived on scene, checked for injured parties, and secured the area. Witness told police he heard approximately fifteen (15) gunshots coming from outside the building. Police canvassed the area and spoke to residents living in the apartment complex. There were no reported injuries, however there was extensive damage to the building and cars parked in the parking lot. Police recovered over twenty (20) bullet casings from the immediate area. This is an ongoing investigation. If anyone has information involving this incident please contact the Steger Police Department at (708) 755-0223.

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Domestic Dispute – 200 Block of Hillcrest Ln. Verbal altercation. Parties separated, peace restored.