



Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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- 2/10 Aggravated Domestic Battery – 400 Block of W. 34th St. Victim reported being choked, thrown to the ground and kicked by her ex-boyfriend. The offender fled in a Blue Volkswagen prior to police arrival. Charges pending.
- 2/10 Harassment through Electronic Communications – 0-100 Block of E. 34th St. Victim reported receiving harassing text messages from her ex-boyfriend.
- 2/10 Aggravated Fleeing & Eluding- Richton Rd. & Emerald Ave. Anthony M. Martinez, 22 of Steger was stopped for disobeying a traffic control device. Police observed cannabis inside the vehicle. The police advised Martinez to exit the vehicle. Martinez disregarded police commands, put the car in drive and sped away at a high rate of speed. Steger & Crete Police attempted to stop Martinez, but met with negative results. Martinez surrendered himself on 2/13/24. Martinez was cited and released.
- 2/11 Domestic Trouble – 200 Block of Christine Ct. Verbal altercation between cohabitants. Parties separated, information provided for an Order of Protection.
- 2/11 Suspicious Circumstances – 3000 Block of Union Ave. Resident found five (5) 9mm shell casings in the alley. During the preliminary investigation, police discovered another seven (7) 9mm shell casings in the area. The resident did not hear any gun shots, except on New Year's Eve.
- 2/11 DUI Arrest – 34th & Chicago Rd. Karina J. Brown, 20 of University Park was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Alcohol Concentration in Blood or Breath 0.08 or More, and Speeding. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded and Brown was cited and released.
- 2/12 Battery – 3400 Block of Sally Dr. Physical altercation between two juveniles. TOT Juvenile Investigations.

- 2/12 Motor Vehicle Theft – The victim told police her daughter lent the victim’s motorcycle to a friend. The daughter attempted to get the motorcycle back, but met with negative results.
- 2/12 Criminal Damage to Property, Suspicious Circumstances. – 3400 Block of Chicago Rd. The victim reported an unknown person gained forced entry into her apartment and removed all of her daughter’s property. The victim reported being involved in a verbal altercation previously. Police are investigating.
- 2/12 Domestic Crisis Intervention – 0-100 Block of W. 36th St. The Reporting Party told police she was attempting to remove her personal belongings from her ex-boyfriend’s house but was unable to locate her purse. The subject was allowed into the residence to search for the missing item, but met with negative results. The subject was transported to the police department to await a ride.
- 2/12 Domestic Battery – 3200 Block of Hopkins. Evander L. Foster, 27 of Steger was arrested for a Domestic Battery that occurred on 2/8/24. Foster was also charged with, Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by Felon, Possession of Cannabis (More than 500 grams), and Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer. Foster also had outstanding warrants from DuPage County & Will County. Foster was transported to the Cook County Adult Detention Facility.
- 2/13 Domestic Dispute – 3400 Block of Union Ave. Verbal altercation between siblings. Resident wanted her sister removed. Police explained her sister has established residency. Directed to the Will County Courthouse for information on eviction.
- 2/13 Criminal Damage to Property – 3200 Block of Sandy Ridge Dr. Offender unknown damaged the windshield on the victim’s 2004 GMC Savana Pro Van.
- 2/14 Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm – 300 Block of W. 34th St. At approximately 12:41 pm police responded to shots fired call. The complainant reported hearing multiple gun shots. Upon police arrival, officers checked for injured parties, collected evidence, viewed video surveillance, and conducted a crime canvas. There were no reports of injuries or property damage. Police are working with Apartment staff and security. Investigation pending.
- 2/15 Local Ordinance Violation – Dog Bite – Ashland & Craig Ct. Two dogs were running loose and bit a U.S. Postal Carrier. Charges pending.

- 2/15 Domestic Dispute – 34th & Union Ave. Police located a female subject wondering in the middle of the street. Subject appeared to be under the influence of intoxicating compounds. The subject told she was involved in a physical confrontation with her boyfriend, and he threw her out of the house. There were no visible injuries to the subject. An ambulance was summoned and transported the subject to St James Olympia Fields Hospital.
- 2/16 Domestic Crisis Intervention – 3400 Block of S. Kings Rd. Victim reported being kicked by his girlfriend. There were no indication of injuries and no evidence to substantiate complaints. Parties separated, peace restored.
- 2/16 Criminal Defacement, Hate Crime – 3400 Block of Chicago Rd. Offender unknown spray painted racial graffiti on a business sign. Police are investigating.
- 2/16 Battery – 0-100 W. Richton Rd. Juvenile victim reported being struck and his hair pulled out by another juvenile. TOT Juvenile Investigations.
- 2/16 Identity Theft – 3300 Block of Sangamon St. Offender unknown used the victim's personal information to file a tax return. TOT Investigations.
- 2/16 Harassment through Electronic Communications – 35 W. 34th St. Victim reported receiving threatening messages on his Facebook messenger account after denying payment for a fraudulent business transaction.
- 2/16 Traffic Arrest – 34th & Lewis Ave. Mariana Mariano 19, of South Chicago Heights was arrested for No Valid Driver's License. Mariano was cited and released.