



# Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: April 5, 2024**

- 3/30 Fight- 3000 Block of Florence Ave. Two acquaintances were involved in a physical altercation. Parties separated, peace restored.
- 3/31 Unwanted Subject – 3700 Block of Park Ave. Resident reported a family member, who is having psychiatric problems keeps showing up at his residence and is not wanted. Ambulance summoned, subject transported to St. James Hospital in Olympia Fields. Peace restored.
- 3/31 Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle – 450 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. Police were dispatched to the area for a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival police observed a parked and unattended Kia Sportage with a broken rear passenger window. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was reported stolen out of Matteson, IL.
- 3/31 Assist Law Enforcement Agency – 31<sup>st</sup> & Chicago Rd. Steger Police assisted the Chicago Heights Police Department recovering a vehicle wanted for Fleeing & Eluding. Chicago Height Police arrived on scene took possession of the 2007 Jeep SRT and the driver.
- 3/31 Domestic Battery – 300 Block of W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. Mariah Houston, 31 of Steger was arrested for Domestic Battery and Resisting Obstructing a Peace Officer. Houston was processed and transported to the Will County Adult Detention Facility.
- 3/31 Domestic Dispute – 0-100 Block of W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. Verbal altercation between cohabitants. Parties separated for the evening. Peace restored.

- 3/31 Traffic Arrest – 3500 Block of S. Kings Rd. Police were dispatched to the area of Richton Rd. & Kings Road for a traffic crash with injuries. Two people from the victim's vehicle were transported to St. James Hospital. Police were notified the driver operating the striking vehicle fled northbound on Kings Rd. The offender also struck an ambulance and continued to flee. Officers located the vehicle traveling southbound on Kings Road and were able to conduct a traffic stop in the 23500 Block of Acorn in Crete. Police observed the driver, later identified as **Carlos M. Aguilar, 23 of Crete**, exit the vehicle with a beer in his hand and attempt to flee on foot. Aguilar was taken into custody and charged with Driving under the Influence of alcohol, Fail to give information and render aid, Resisting or obstructing a peace officer, and No valid driver's license. Aguilar was cited and released. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 4/1 Motor Vehicle Theft – 3421 Chicago Rd. (Enterprise Rental Car). A 2022 Nissan Altima was rented to a client who failed to return it as outlined in the rental contract. Attempts were made to contact the client, but staff met with negative results.
- 4/1 Harassment through Electronic Communications – 0-100 Block of W. 35<sup>th</sup> PL. Victim reported receiving harassing & threatening texts from an anonymous subject.
- 4/2 Trespass Warning – 20 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St. (Party Liquors). Staff told police that the subject had stolen from the business previously and they do not want him in the store. Police issued a Trespass Notice.
- 4/2 Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Damage to Property – 3401 Chicago Rd. (7-Eleven). Customer was irate with the cashier because he wanted her to unlock the beer section and she did not understand him due to a language barrier. The Customer picked up a rack containing candy, threw it to the floor, and yelled obscenities towards the employee. The subject left in a red Hyundai. The subject was located issued a local ordinance citation for Disorderly Conduct, and given a trespass notice.
- 4/3 Suspicious Person – 3500 Block of Susan Ln. Resident reported capturing footage on his Ring doorbell of a subject going through his mailbox. The subject is described as a male black, wearing a tan sweater, black pants, and white shoes. If anybody has information, please contact the police.

- 4/3 Theft – 3000 Block of Chicago Rd. A Business Representative for a company based in Lincoln Nebraska made a purchase for equipment from a Steger business. The equipment was never shipped and the order was never processed. TOT Investigations.
- 4/4 Fight – 22331 Cottage Grove Ave. Physical altercation between two female students. TOT Juvenile Investigations.
- 4/4 Domestic Battery – 0-100 Block of W. 31<sup>st</sup> St. The victim told police she was involved in a verbal dispute with her husband. Both parties exited the residence and the altercation continued. Once outside the verbal dispute escalated and her husband slammed her head against a car. The victim had a lump on the left side of her forehead. An ambulance was summoned and transported the victim to St. James Olympia Fields. At the hospital the victim's injuries worsened, and the victim was transferred to Stroger Hospital in critical condition. The offender, Rodney L. Johnson, 38 of Steger was arrested for Aggravated Domestic Battery.
- 4/5 Criminal Damage to Property -3600 Block of Peoria St. Victim reported an exterior doorknob broken, and believes the damage was caused by her ex-boyfriend. Information was provided to obtain an Order of Protection.
- 4/5 Identity Theft – 300 Block of W. 35<sup>th</sup> St. Offender unknown used the victim's personal information to make withdrawals from the victim's bank account. TOT Investigations.