



Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: April 12, 2024

- 4/6 Animal Complaint – 3300 Block of Green St. A Miniature Doberman Pincher was attacked through a fence by Pit Bull. The victim's dog was rushed to County Line Pet Hospital for emergency surgery.
- 4/6 Attempt Motor Vehicle Theft – 400 Block of W. 34th St. Offender(s) unknown attempted to steal a 2018 Hyundai Elantra from the apartment complex parking lot. Victim discovered the rear driver's side window broken and the steering column removed.
- 4/8 Identity Theft – 3200 Block of Florence Ave. Offender(s) unknown used the victim's personal information to open a Verizon account. The victim received notification that he had an outstanding balance of \$328.00. The victim told police he never had a Verizon account. The victim was provided information on how to report identity theft with the Social Security Administration.
- 4/8 Fleeing & Eluding – 3500 Block of Phillips Ave. Alec S. Rowden-Wilson, 31 of Steger was operating a dirt bike through Veterans Park with two other subjects on dirt bikes. Police attempted to stop the dirt bikes, but the motorists refused to stop. Police were able to apprehend Rowden-Wilson at Union Ave & Chicago Rd. The offender was charged with Fleeing & Eluding, No Registration, No Taillights and Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Rowden-Wilson was cited and released the offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 4/8 Domestic Disturbance – 3100 Block of Green St. Verbal altercation between cohabitants. Parties separated, peace restored.
- 4/9 Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm – Richton & Crescent. Offender operating a dark colored SUV stopped at the intersection and fired two shots in the air. The motorist fled eastbound Richton Rd. There was no report of injuries or damage. Police are investigating.

- 4/9 Traffic Arrest – 34th & Union Ave. Gregory Rapp, 53 of Chicago was arrested for Unlawful use of Registration, and speeding, 48 mph in a 30 mph zone. Rapp was cited and released. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 4/10 Death Investigation – 3100 Block of Loverock Ave. Police responded to the scene and discovered unresponsive subject. Steger Fire Department personnel responded and confirmed time of death. Family members were notified. Preliminary investigations indicate death by natural causes.
- 4/10 Armed Robbery – 300 Block of W. 34th St. Victim reported being robbed at gunpoint. The victim provided a description and location of the offender. The South Suburban Emergency Response Team responded to assist. Police officers from other agencies assisted in evacuating apartments and setting up a perimeter. The suspect identified as Damairius T. Hargrave 18, of Steger surrendered to officers without incident. Hargrave was charged with Armed Robbery, Theft, and an outstanding Felony Warrant for Aggravated Domestic Battery. Hargrave was transported to the Will County Adult Detention Facility.
- 4/11 Criminal Damage to Property – 3400 Block of Wallace Ave. The victim reported that his girlfriend broke a window on the Southside of his residence. Prosecution declined, report on file.
- 4/11 Disturbance – 2400 Block of Phillips Ave. Verbal confrontation between acquaintances. Tenant and landlord told subjects to leave, and they complied. Police advised subjects they are not welcome at the residence and if they return they would be arrested for trespass.
- 4/11 Domestic Dispute – 100 Block of Dorsetshire Dr. Verbal altercation between family members. Information provided to obtain an Order of Protection. Peace restored.
- 4/12 Robbery – 22331 Cottage Grove Ave. A student reported, while in the bathroom he was approached by two other students, who punched him in the face and stole his cellphone. TOT Juvenile Investigations.
- 4/12 Harassment through Electronic Communication – 22331 Cottage Grove Ave. Student reported receiving multiple harassing text messages. TOT Juvenile Investigations.