



Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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- 11/15 Battery – W. 35th St. & Green St. Juveniles walking home for school were involved in a physical altercation. Police are investigating. TOT Juvenile Investigations.
- 11/16 Domestic Dispute – 3009 Chicago Rd. (Dollar General). Verbal altercation between boyfriend & girlfriend. Parties separated, peace restored.
- 11/17 Domestic Disturbance – 400 Block of W. 35th St. Verbal dispute between cohabitants. One of the parties threw garbage on top of her girlfriend's car. Parties separated prior to police arrival.
- 11/17 Neighborhood Trouble – 0-100 Block of E. 34th St. Verbal altercation between neighbors. Parties separated prior to police arrival.
- 11/17 Suspicious Circumstances – 3000 Block of Sangamon St. Resident received notification from his Ring Video Camera depicting a person in his front yard going through his mailbox. Subject is seen standing in his front yard. When confronted by the resident, the subject entered an unidentified vehicle and drove away.
- 11/18 Burglary to Motor Vehicle – 3200 Block of Wallace Ave. Offender unknown entered the victim's unsecured motor vehicle and removed \$100.00 U.S.C.
- 11/19 Theft – 3200 Block of Sandy Ridge Rd. Victim reported his nephew stole three (3) credit cards and used one of them to make an unauthorized purchase. The victim declined criminal charges. Referred to Juvenile Investigations.
- 11/19 Suspicious Person – 3030 Chicago Rd. (Gastroenterology Associate). A subject entered the business with two grocery bags filled with items. Staff asked if he needed help, the subject ignored staff and walked out the business.

- 11/19 Theft – 400 Block of W. 34th St. Offender unknown removed a package that was delivered by Fed Ex. The package was placed inside the apartment building near the mailboxes at the time of the theft.
- 11/19 Disturbance – 3401 Chicago Rd. (7-Eleven). Police were dispatched to the business reference a male subject standing outside of the business asking people for money, acting erratically, and threatening patrons. The subject was identified as Ezekiel N. Lafond, 26, of Chicago. The subject advised he was just released from prison and trying to get home. Lafond had a warrant that was only extraditable in Indiana and Cook County. Lafond was given a Trespass Notice, and released.
- 11/20 Aggravated Domestic Battery – 23000 Block of Sherman Rd. Victim reported her boyfriend choked and kicked her. Victim declined prosecution, unable to substantiate complaints.
- 11/20 Identity Theft – 400 Block of W. 34th St. Offender unknown used the victim's personal information to file for a tax return in 2022.
- 11/20 Burglary – 3200 Block of Peoria St. Police were told there were several people removing items from a vacant house. Police detained three subjects. The investigation revealed the burglary was unfounded. Two of the subjects had active warrants. Nichole K. Cox, 32, of Steger was released to C.C.S.P for an active Cook County Warrant. Ryan L. Nielsen, 36 of Steger was transported to the Will County Adult Detention Facility for an active Will County Warrant.
- 11/21 Disorderly Conduct (Misuse of 911 System) – Park & evergreen St. Two juveniles made repeated emergency calls to the Laraway Communication Center. Police located and identified the juveniles. TOT School Staff & Juvenile Investigations.
- 11/21 Theft of Lost or Misplaced Property – 400 Block of W. 34th St. Victim reported dropping her Apple AirPods in her apartment building. She was able to track the AirPods to her building. Police are investigating.
- 11/21 Domestic Disturbance – 3400 Block of Union Ave. Verbal altercation between mother and son. Relative picked up the son, peace restored.

- 11/22 Aggravated Domestic Battery – 23000 Block of Sherman Rd. Darius T. Pettit, 39, of Steger was arrested for Aggravated Battery/Strangle, Aggravated Domestic Battery - Other Prior, Aggravated Unlawful Restraint and Robbery. It was reported that Pettit grabbed his girlfriend by the back of her neck and slammed her into a shower door. Pettit continued to grab the victim's neck, causing her to have difficulty breathing. Pettit took the girlfriend's phone, refusing to return it. Pettit was transported to the Cook County Lockup to await his pre-trial court hearing.
- 11/22 Sex Offender Registration – Failure to Register – 23000 Block of Sherman. While investigating an Aggravated Domestic Battery it was learned that Darius T. Pettit, 39, of Steger failed to register as a sex offender in Steger. Pettit was transported to Cook County Lockup to await pre-trial court hearing.
- 11/22 Disorderly Conduct – 3400 Block of Emerald Ave. Victim reported his ex-girlfriend posted his social security number on Facebook. The victim was provided information on identity theft and how to set up a Hawk Alert.