



# Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: December 21, 2024**

- 12/14 Traffic Arrest – 34<sup>th</sup> & Sally Dr. Elvenord Vertus, 48 of Steger was stopped for operating a motor vehicle without lights. Police detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath, as well as other indicators the driver was intoxicated. Vertus was arrested after performing Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. The offender was cited for Driving without Lights When Required, Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. Vertus was provided a Will County Pre-Trial Notice to Appear, and released. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 12/15 Traffic Arrest – 34<sup>th</sup> & Union. Andre S. Taylor, 29, of Matteson was stopped for Operating a Motor Vehicle without Lights. During the encounter police established that Taylor's license was suspended, and he was operating a motor vehicle without insurance. Taylor was arrested, cited and provided a Notice to Appear. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 12/16 Telephone Harassment – 94 W. Richton Rd. School staff received several phone calls harassing in nature. TOT Investigations.
- 12/18 Harassment through Electronic Communications – 3200 Block of Peoria St. Victim reported receiving harassing and threatening messages on Facebook from an acquaintance. Report on file.
- 12/19 Theft – 3400 Block of Kings Rd. Complainant reported offender unknown removed the rear license plate on her brother's 2024 Nissan.
- 12/19 Criminal Trespass to Residence – 3200 Block of Peoria St. Victim reported she gathered her ex-husbands property and was storing it in the living room for him to pick up. When she came home she discovered the property missing. Police discovered damage to the back door. Police are investigating.

- 12/19 Aggravated Battery – 3400 Block of S. Kings Rd. (Delayed Report) Complainant reported being battered by an acquaintance while visiting him. TOT Investigations.
- 12/19 Battery – 94 W. Richton Rd. A parent reported a battery that occurred at the school between her daughter and another student. TOT Juvenile Investigations.
- 12/19 Domestic Disturbance – 3700 Block of Union Ave. Altercation between cohabitants over one of the parties refusing to go to rehab. Conflicting stories, unable to substantiate complaints. Parties separated, peace restored.
- 12/20 Aggravated Battery – Use of a Firearm – 500 Block of Richton Rd. Police were dispatched to the area of a report of shots fired. Upon arrival police discovered a 21 year old male gunshot victim laying in the street. Police performed emergency medical treatment until the arrival of the Steger Fire Department. The Fire Department transported the victim to St. James Hospital, located in Olympia Fields. Police are investigating.