



Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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Date: January 3, 2025

- 12/28 Retail Theft – 500 W. Steger Rd. (Shell Gas Station). Offender unknown entered the business and removed two 25oz cans of Bud Ice from the refrigerator and exited without making payment. Police checked the area but met with negative results.
- 12/28 Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle – 3614 Union Ave. Police responded to the area for a report of a stolen red Jeep Wrangler. Police made contact with the landlord and advised him of the stolen vehicle. The landlord arrived and gave consent to enter the building. The vehicle was located inside the business, as well as two more stolen vehicles located on the outside of the building. Police and the Statewide Auto Theft Task Force (ISATT) are investigating.
- 12/29 Retail Theft – 3507 Chicago Rd. (Shell Gas Station). Offender unknown removed food items without making payment. An employee of the business advised they have had previous contact with the offender. The subject has stolen in the past, and has been trespassed from the business. Police are investigating.
- 12/29 Local Ordinance Violation – 300 Block of W. 34th St. Police were conducting routine patrol, and observed a resident from the apartment complex throw two bags of waste into the forest preserve. Natalie C. Payne, 57 of Steger was issued a Local Ordinance Citation for disposal of waste.
- 12/29 Domestic Crisis Intervention – 0-100 Block of W. 34th St. Resident reported having issues with her boyfriend. The reporting party advised that her boyfriend demands money, and takes her vehicle without permission. Information was provided to obtain an Order of Protection. Case referred to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

- 12/30 Lost/Missing Handgun – 3200 Block of Wallace. The victim told police she had recently moved from Chicago Heights. When she was unpacking, she was unable to locate her handgun. Report on file.
- 12/30 Traffic Arrest – 34th & Emerald Ave. Motorist, Alisa S. Gantt, 30 of Lansing was stopped for driving with expired registration. Upon further investigation it was learned that Gantt's driver's license was suspended. Gantt was issued citations for Driving while License Suspended, Expired Registration, and Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Gantt was provided a Will County Pre-Trial Notice to Appear, and released. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 12/31 Theft, Credit Card Fraud – 3329 Chicago Rd. Offender(s) unknown stole two credit cards from the victim. The offender(s) made approximately \$4,400 in unauthorized purchases at various stores, gas stations and restaurants in Illinois and Indiana. TOT Investigations.
- 12/31 Disorderly Conduct – 3400 Union Ave. (Mobile Gas Station). Business representative told police that a customer, James E. Burks, 32 of Chicago Heights was yelling and threatening him. Burke was escorted out of the store, issued a Trespass Notice, and released.
- 12/31 Welfare Check – 400 Block of W. 35th St. Resident was distressed, unable to feed her child. The officer went to a local restaurant, purchased food and provided it to the family. Information provided for additional assistance.
- 12/31 Aggravated Battery – Use of a Firearm – 500 Block of Richton Rd. An arrest warrant was issued for Geno L. Ashford, 18 of University Park for the shooting that occurred on December 20, 2024. The suspect is accused of shooting 21 year old, Jeremiah D. Sorrell. Sorrell suffered multiple gunshot wounds, including wounds to the neck and abdomen. Sorrell underwent numerous surgeries, and last known to be in stable condition.
- 1/1/25 Residential Burglary – 3700 Block of Green St. Offender(s) unknown made entry into the victim's apartment and removed approximately \$2,000.00 worth of property. TOT Investigations.
- 1/1/25 Domestic Trouble – Crisis Intervention – 100 Block of W. Richton Rd. Victim requested help in removing adult son. Civil matter, advised to seek eviction process through the Will County Courthouse.

- 1/1/25 Domestic Disturbance – 500 W. Steger Rd. Verbal altercation between father and daughter. The argument escalated and became physical. Both parties suffered minor injuries, and refused medical treatment. Conflicting statements, unable to substantiate criminal complaints. Information forwarded to the Crisis Center of South Suburbia. Parties separated, peace restored.
- 1/2/25 Abandoned Auto – 3231 Chicago Rd. (Village Parking Lot). A 2022 International Semi-Truck has been parked in the parking lot for over a week. Police applied a ten (10) day tow sticker to the vehicle. A certified letter will be sent to the owner of record, vehicle to be towed on January 12, 2025.
- 1/2/25 Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm – 3500 Block of Ashland. Police were dispatched to the area of 35th & Ashland Ave for the report of shots fired. Witnesses observed two vehicles fleeing the area believed to be involved in the shooting. Police checked the area, but offenders were gone upon arrival. Police conducted a canvas of the area, spoke to witnesses, and collected evidence. Police recovered numerous spent rifle and pistol casings. There was property damage resulting from the incident, no report of injuries. Police are investigating.