



# Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: April 4, 2025**

- 3/29 Criminal Damage to Property – 3200 Block of Florence Ave. Neighbor contacted the victim and advised he observed what appeared to be a bullet hole through his siding. The victim confirmed that bullet entered his siding and penetrated the wall into his bedroom. The victim did not hear any gunshots and could not give a date or time of occurrence.
- 3/30 Domestic Dispute – 3300 Block of Green St. Altercation between cohabitants. One of the subjects agreed to leave for the night. Peace restored.
- 3/30 Retail Theft – 500 W. Steger Rd. (Shell Gas Station). Staff reported a subject who has been previously banned from the store came in and removed merchandise and exited without making payment. TOT Investigations.
- 3/31 Aggravated Battery – Firearm – Great Bodily Harm, Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon – 94 W. Richton Rd. At approximately 6:15pm Steger Police Officers responded to the park/track area behind Columbia Central Middle School for a reported gunshot victim. Officers located a juvenile with an injury to his hand, which appeared to be a gunshot wound. The Steger Fire Department transported the juvenile to a local hospital. Officers and Detectives spoke to School District 194 Officials, who advised the juvenile is not a student at Columbia Central. At the time of the incident school was not in session and no students were present. A 16 year old male, and a 15 year old male were arrested in connection with the crime. Both juveniles were transported to the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center in Joliet, IL.
- 3/31 Theft – 400 Block of W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. Victim reported, when she returned home from work she noticed all of her ex-boyfriend's belongings and her iPad were gone. The victim did not want her ex-boyfriend to return. Information was provided for an Order of Protection.

- 4/01 Suspicious Subject/Incident – 3300 Block of Hopkins St. Juvenile Victim reported, when walking home from school a male motioned for her to get in a car with him. Investigation revealed the male was picking up another student and the Juvenile mistook his actions. Nothing further.
- 4/01 Disorderly Conduct/Juvenile Problems – 94 W. Richton Rd. Officers responded for a report of a group of Juveniles causing a disturbance. Officers issued Local Ordinance Disorderly Conduct Citations. Peace restored.
- 4/01 Criminal Damage to Property – 3800 Block of Sangamon St. Victim reported unknown subject(s) spray painted graffiti on the residence.
- 4/01 Fraud/Threats – Victim came to the Police Station to report an unknown subject gained access to the victim's bank account, and made a large deposit. The victim advised they had the deposit stopped as fraud by the bank, and they have since received threatening phone calls in reference to the deposit. The victim was provided with Identity Theft instructions.
- 4/02 Disturbance – 100 Block of W Steger Rd. Officers responded to the Brown Onion for a disturbance between customers. The disturbance was verbal only. Peace restored.
- 4/02 Domestic Dispute – 3300 Block of Peoria St. Altercation between cohabitants. The dispute was resolved and peace restored.
- 4/03 Domestic Trouble/Criminal Damage to Vehicle – 400 Block of W 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Victim reported her ex-boyfriend came to her residence and was tampering with her vehicle's tire. The victim advised the suspected offender left the scene prior to Officers arriving. Victim was given instructions on obtaining an Order of Protection. TOT Investigations.
- 4/03 Domestic Trouble – 300 Block of W 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Victim reports being harassed by an ex-cohabitant, who was not on scene. Victim was advised on how to obtain an Order of Protection.
- 4/03 Disturbance – 3300 Block of Chicago Rd. Officers responded to the VFW for a possible disturbance. Officers were advised there was a verbal argument between patrons in the banquet hall. The parties left prior to Officer arriving. Peace restored.
- 4/04 Suspicious Subject – 3600 Block of Chicago Rd. Officers checked on a male subject acting suspicious while walking on Chicago Rd. The male identified as VALDEZ,

Emilio, 22 years old, of South Chicago Heights, was found to have an active Arrest Warrant from the South Chicago Heights Police Department. Mr. VALDEZ was turned over to South Chicago Heights Police Officers at the scene. Nothing further.