Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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5/23 Domestic Dispute – 0-100 Block of W. 36th St. Victim reported involvement in a verbal altercation with her boyfriend. The altercation did not become physical but felt intimidated by her boyfriend. Information provided to obtain an Order of Protection.

5/23 Theft – 3500 Block of Union Ave. Victim told police an acquaintance was at his residence and stole some of his personal belongings. The offender returned most of the items and the victim is working on restitution for the unknown returned items.

5/23 Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle – 227th & Sherman Rd. Police recovered a stolen Hyundai Elantra that was reported stolen out of Chicago Heights. TOT Chicago Heights Police Department.

5/25 Domestic Battery – 3000 Block of Chicago Rd. Altercation between boyfriend and girlfriend. Conflicting statement, unable to substantiate complaints. Information provided to obtain an Order of Protection. TOT Investigations. Prosecution declined by Reporting Party.

5/25 Assist Other Police Agency – 300 Block of W. 34th St. Police recovered a vehicle used in the commission of a crime that occurred in Calumet Park. Vehicle towed from scene, TOT Calumet Park Police.

5/25 Reckless Driving – 23000 Block of State St. Vehicle was monitored traveling Westbound Steger Road at 62mph in a posted 35 mph zone. Police attempted to stop the vehicle but met with negative results. Investigations located the vehicle, towed and seized as an Article 36, asset forfeiture. Case pending Will County Court.

5/26 Domestic Disturbance – 0-100 Block of 31st St. Verbal altercation between husband and wife. Daughter picked up her father and drove him to a family member's residence. Peace restored. TOT Crisis Center of South Suburbia.

5/27 Identity Theft – 3300 Block of Halsted St. Victim detected fraudulent activity on a credit report. Victim advised she incurred debts that were not caused by her. The report contained an unknown address out of Matteson, IL.

5/27 Harassment – 0-100 Block of W 33rd PL. A UPS driver reported that a resident keeps accusing him of stealing a package and harassing him. The driver explained, the package was returned to the sender because there was no apartment number. TOT Investigations.

5/27 Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Trespass – 3325 Chicago Rd. (Little Caesar's Pizza). Subject, identified as Sebastian R. Munoz, 27 of Steger caused a breach of the peace by depositing litter from the dumpster. Munoz was issued a trespass notice and advised not to return.

5/27 Telephone Harassment, Warrant Arrest – 4500 Block of Union Ave. Complainant advised receiving harassing phone calls from an acquaintance. The subject, Kristina J. Gallardo, 49 of Kankakee was located by Steger Police. The subject had active warrants out of Kankakee County & DuPage County. Gallardo was taken into custody, processed and transported to the Will County Adult Detention Facility.

5/27 Retail Theft – 3009 Chicago Rd. (Dollar General). Offender walked into the business, removed merchandise valued at $60.00 without making payment. TOT Investigations.

5/27 Burglary to Motor Vehicle – 3400 Block of S. Kings Rd. Offender(s) entered the victim's unsecured motor vehicle, stole two sets of headphones and an I-Pad. TOT Investigations.

5/28 Harassment through Electronic Communication – 3400 Block of Morgan St. Victim received a message via Facebook Messenger demanding money or explicit videos of the victim will be released. TOT Investigations.

5/28 Traffic Arrest – 3300 Block of Florence Ave. Motorist, Demetrius A. Edwards, 46 of Richton Park was stopped for speeding 46 mph in a posted 20 mph school zone (Steger Rd.). A status check revealed his driver's license was suspended. Edward's was issued citations, notice to appear, and released. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.

5/28 Unwanted Subject – 100 Block of E. 34th St. Resident called police due to his son being intoxicated and acting erratic. Police made contact with Joseph J. Kelly, 28 of Calumet City. A status check revealed Kelly had an active warrant out of Cook County. Police transported the subject to the police department for processing. At the police department, Kelly requested to go to the hospital. Police contacted the Steger Fire Department, who transported Kelly to Franciscan Hospital in Olympia Fields. Tot Investigation for charges.

5/28 Criminal Damage to Property – 3500 Block of Halsted Blvd. Offender unknown entered the victim's unsecure Kia Optima and damaged the steering column. TOT Investigations.

5/29 Harassment through Electronic Communication – 22331 Cottage Grove Ave. Student sent numerous harassing app messages, emails, and voicemails to a teacher due to a failing grade.

5/29 Burglary to Motor Vehicle – 300 Block of W. 35th St. Offender(s) unknown entered the victim's unsecured 2014 Honda and removed her boyfriend's casino rewards card.

5/29 Traffic Arrest – Ashland & Craig Ct. Motorist, Ashley A. Hinojosa, 35 of Crete was arrested for Fleeing & Eluding, Driving while License Suspended, Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Expired Registration. Hinojosa was cited, issued a notice to appear, and released. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.