



Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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- 8/31 Aggravated use of a Weapon – 3200 Block of Butler Ave. Police were dispatched to the area for a report of two occupants slumped over in a vehicle. Police made contact with the two subjects, who appeared to be intoxicated. One of the occupants went inside the house and the other person requested a ride to an address in Steger. Prior to placing the subject in the back of a patrol car, the officer conducted a pat down, asking if the subject had any weapons. The subject indicated he had a pistol in his pocket. Officer retrieved the weapon and arrested the motorist, Stephen MJ Byrnes, 23 of Crown Point Indiana for Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon. Byrnes was provided a notice to appear, and released. The weapon was entered into evidence. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 8/31 Criminal Damage to Property – 400 Block of W. 34th St. The victim reported being involved in a verbal altercation with her boyfriend, Luke E. Szafraniec, 35 of Steger. Szafraniec grabbed and smashed her cellphone. Szafraniec was arrested for Criminal Damage to Property, processed and provided a copy of the Pre-Trial Notice to Appear, and released.
- 9/1 Attempt Motor Vehicle Theft, CDP – 3400 Block of Wallace Ave. Offender(s) unknown broke the rear driver's side window, and gained entry into the victim's 2019 Dodge Charger. The offender's attempted to remove the vehicle, leaving wires exposed from under the dashboard, but met with negative results. TOT Investigations.
- 9/2 Harassment through Electronic Communications – 3400 Block of Kings Rd. Juvenile receiving threatening text messages and messages on Facebook.
- 9/3 Domestic Trouble – 300 Block of W. 35th St. Victim told police she wanted to leave but her boyfriend would not allow it. Police stood by as the Reporting Party gathered her belongings, and was picked up by a family member. Information provided to obtain an Order of Protection.

- 9/3 Harassment through Electronic Communications – 3600 Block of Union Ave. Victim reported being harassed by one of her tenants who reside in Elgin. TOT Elgin PD.
- 9/4 Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle – 3700 Block of Green St. Police recovered a Stolen 2020 Jeep Cherokee, stolen out of Chicago. The license plates that were on the vehicle were stolen out of Elmwood Park. The vehicle was towed from scene. TOT Investigations.
- 9/4 Criminal Damage to Property – 0-100 Block of 31st St. Victim told police her son and girlfriend, Sheron A. Bragg, 18 of Steger have been living in their car parked in the driveway for the last few months. Bragg was trespassed from the property and issued a Local Ordinance citation for Disorderly Conduct.
- 9/4 Warrant Arrest – 3400 Block of Sangamon St. Police were dispatched to the area for a 911 Hang-up. Police made contact with resident, Asia J. Sampson, 26 of Steger. Upon checking Sampson's status, it was discovered she had an active warrant out of Kankakee. Sampson was transported to the police department, processed and provided a Notice to Appear.
- 9/5 Harassment through Electronic Communications – 100 Block of W. 34th St. Victim reported receiving threatening messages from her ex-boyfriend. Report on file, referred for Order of Protection.
- 9/6 Domestic Trouble – 3500 Block of Ashland Ave. Subject was locked out by his girlfriend. Parties agreed to separate for the evening, peace restored.
- 9/6 Unwanted Subject – 0-100 Block of McKinley Ave. Resident called and advised her daughter was on her property knocking on windows, in violation of a court order. Information provided for an Order of Protection.
- 9/6 Identity Theft – 300 Block of W. 35th St. Offender unknown gained access to the victim's Federal Student Aid account and possibly awarded \$1,042.00. The victim is working with her bank to resolve the issue.
- 9/6 Domestic Dispute – 3100 Block of Hopkins Ave. Altercation between cohabitants. Conflicting statements, unable to substantiate criminal complaints. Information provided to obtain an Order of Protection.