



# Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: October 18, 2024**

- 10/13 Domestic Trouble (Crisis Intervention) – 3300 Block of Hopkins. Verbal dispute between husband and wife. Parties separated, peace restored.
- 10/13 Welfare Check – 3400 Block of Union Ave. Police were dispatched to the gas station for a report of a subject parked by the gas pump, sleeping behind the wheel. Police observed a subject, later identified as Dantzler L. Newell, 26 of Steger sleeping inside the vehicle. Police observed a firearm next to the driver's leg. Police conducted a FOID check, and discovered Newell's FOID card was revoked. Newell was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon. Newell was processed and transported to the Will County Adult Detention Facility. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 10/13 Disturbance – 200 Block of Barbara Ln. Reporting Party told police the owner of the residence kicked him off the porch causing him to injure his elbow. The owner of the property told police the subject was drunk and he tripped over a barbecue grill. The subject was transported to St. James Hospital in Olympia Fields.
- 10/14 Theft – 3600 Block of Sangamon St. Resident reported offender unknown removed Amazon packages off of her front porch. TOT Investigations.
- 10/14 Criminal Damage to Property – 3400 Block of Kings Rd. Resident called and advised her boyfriend is inside her apartment and he is not supposed to be there. Upon arrival police spoke to the subject, who stated he was let in by one of the residents. The subject told police his girlfriend cut up his shoes and clothes but refused criminal complaints. The subject departed without incident.

- 10/14 Traffic Arrest - 39<sup>th</sup> & Chicago Rd. Police observed a motorist strike a parked vehicle and drive away from the scene. Police conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and spoke to the motorist, Luis D. Martinez, 24 of Steger. Police concluded that the motorist was under the influence of alcohol. Martinez was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of a crash involving vehicle damage, driving under the Influence of alcohol, and failure to give Information after striking an unattended vehicle. Martinez was provided a Notice to Appear and released. The offender's vehicle was towed and impounded.
- 10/14 Landlord Tennant Dispute – 3200 Block of Union Ave. Resident reported, she is in the process of being evicted and a neighbor was told by the Landlord to shut off her water. Police spoke to the neighbor, who turned the water back on and provided the Landlord's phone number.
- 10/14 Criminal Trespass, Retail Theft – 3507 Chicago Rd. (Circle K/Shell). Rickie L. Stewart, 41, of Steger entered the store after served notice of Trespass. The staff refused to serve him, the offender took merchandise, left the store, and rode off on a bicycle. Police stopped the offender, who was charged with Retail Theft, Criminal Trespass, Fleeing/Attempt Elude Police, Obstructing a Police, and IVC Bicyclist/Pedestrian – Influence Drug/Alcohol. Stewart was provided a Notice to Appear, and released.
- 10/16 Criminal Damage to Property – 3400 Block of S. Kings Rd. Offender unknown damaged the windshield and rear wiper blades on his Toyota SUV.
- 10/16 Disturbance – 45 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St. (Early Achievers Preschool & Development Center). Police were dispatched to the business for an irate parent. The business closes at 6:00 pm, staff contacted the parent at 5:50 pm to verify someone was picking up the children. The parent arrived at approximately 6:45 pm and began to yell at staff. DCFS was notified, and offered Child Welfare Service.
- 10/16 Harassment – 3200 Block of Wallace. Victim reported being harassed by an ex-friend. Information was provided to obtain a No Contact Order.