



# Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: April 25, 2025**

- 4/19      Theft – 400 Block of W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. Victim received a text she believed from her financial institution enquiring if she attempted to make a purchase at Target with her debit card. The victim provided her personal account log in. The offender then observed an unauthorized transaction from Target. The victim then received a phone call advising, the police were at her credit union arresting staff. She was told to withdraw her money and they would send an Uber driver to pick it up, and transfer her money to a different bank. The victim followed the instructions, and relinquished her money to the offender posing as an Uber driver. Police are investigating.
- 4/20      Domestic Dispute – 300 Block of W. 35<sup>th</sup> St. Verbal altercation with cohabitants. Parties advised they both established residency and would have to be removed by eviction. Parties separated, advised to contact police to ensure peace is kept when retrieving personal property.
- 4/20      Domestic Battery – 3300 Block of Loverock Ave. Diego U. Laureano-Garcia was arrested for Domestic Battery. The offender was processed and taken to the Chicago Heights Police Department for holding, where he will await transport to the Cook County Adult Detention Facility. Tot Crisis Center of South Suburbia.
- 4/20      Domestic Disturbance – 100 Block of Dorsetshire Dr. Family members involved in verbal altercation. Information provided for eviction and Order of Protection. Parties advised they would keep their distance for the remainder of the night.
- 4/20      Domestic Dispute – 21000 Block of Jim Johnson Ln. Verbal altercation between husband and wife. Parties agreed to distance themselves for the evening, peace restored. TOT Crisis Center of South Suburbia.

- 4/21 Theft – 22000 Block of Sherman Rd. Victim reported personal items missing from his residence. Property was returned by family member, Case closed.
- 4/21 Welfare Check – 430 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. (Jack's Bar & Grill) Police were dispatched to the area for a subject, later identified as Malik J. Stewart, 27 of Steger. Police spoke to staff, who advised the subject was banned from the business earlier this year. Malik was issued a Trespass Notice, and advised if he returned he would be arrested for trespass.
- 4/22 Criminal Damage to Property – 3100 Block of Chicago Rd. Resident told police she was involved in a verbal altercation with her boyfriend's brother regarding living arrangements. The subject exited the residence and broke the windshield on the victim's 2012 Ford Focus. Report for information only. The victim will contact the juvenile's family for restitution. TOT Crisis Center of South Suburbia.
- 4/24 Battery – 94 W. Richton Rd. (Columbia Central School) Juvenile was struck in the face by another juvenile. TOT School Staff and Juvenile Investigations.
- 4/24 Identity Theft – 3200 Block of Green St. Unknown offender used the victim's personal information to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. TOT Internal Revenue Service.
- 4/24 Telephone Harassment – 11 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. (Brown Onion Pub). Staff reported receiving approximately twenty-five phone calls from an unidentified person. Police are investigating.
- 4/24 Domestic Disturbance – 3700 Block of Union Ave. Verbal altercation between cohabitants. Police mitigated a peaceful solution, parties agreed to stay away from each other for the rest of the evening.
- 4/24 Motor Vehicle Theft – 400 Block of W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. The victim parked his 2017 Kia Optima in the apartment complex parking lot at approximately 7:30 pm on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. When he returned at approximately 5:00 am on April 24<sup>th</sup> the vehicle was gone. The vehicle was entered into the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System as stolen.
- 4/24 Child Abuse Crisis Intervention – 3236 Chicago Rd. (Children's Home Center). Mother reported her child was mishandled by staff. Police are investigating.

- 4/24 Animal Complaint – 200 Block of Crystal Ln. Resident reported her neighbor's dog keeps coming on her property. Police responded to the dog owner's residence and attempted to make contact with the homeowner, but met with negative results. Police to follow up at a later time.
- 4/25 Warrant Arrest – 31<sup>st</sup> & Phillips Ave. Police conducted a traffic stop on a motorist who disobeyed a stop sign. Upon conducting a records check, police discovered the motorist, Makayla K. Gray, 21 of Homewood had an active Will County warrant. Gray was arrested, processed and transported to the Will County Adult Detention Facility. The offender's vehicle was towed, and impounded.
- 4/25 Suspicious Circumstances – 500 W. Steger Rd. Police were dispatched to the area for a report of a disturbance. The reporting party said he was picked up by an Uber driver in Matteson and transported to the Linden Park Apartments. Upon arrival two male subjects, wearing masks approached the vehicle. The driver got scared and kicked the passenger out, and fled the scene. The reporting party changed his statement advising his brother was driving and kicked him out of the vehicle. Police are investigating.
- 4/25 Domestic Disturbance – 0-100 Block of 35<sup>th</sup> St. Verbal altercation between husband and wife. Parties separated, peace restored. Residence advised to contact police if altercations continue.