

DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

RELEASE DATE: February 28, 2024

February 21

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

At 11:46 p.m. an officer in the area of 75th Street and Fairview Avenue observed a vehicle crossing over the left lane boundary almost striking the center raised median. The vehicle came to a stop when it struck the right curb with the passenger side of the vehicle. The driver, Matthew Bailey, 38 of the 500 block of Melrose Street, Chicago was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, operating the vehicle with suspended registration, improper lane usage, operating uninsured motor vehicle and driving with expired registration. Bailey was given a court date of March 19, 2024 at DuPage County Judicial Center. Bailey was issued a pre-trial release.

February 22

Driving While License Suspended

At 1:15 p.m. an officer was in the 700 block of Plainfield Road when the officer observed a vehicle driven by a person who the officer knew was wanted on a warrant for violation of an order of protection. The driver, Pablo Gerardo Perez, 34, of the 800 block of Coopley Lane, Joliet was stopped and charged with driving while license suspended and violation of an order of protection. Perez was transported by Darien Police to DuPage County Jail.



Warrant Service

At 5:02 p.m. an officer was dispatched to the 800 block of Albany Lane to determine of Jason Bodik was present. Jason Bodik, 44, of Darien was arrested a warrant out of Hoffman Estates. Bodik was released to Hoffman Estates Police Department.

February 23

Retail Theft

At 4:00 p.m. an officer responded to Walmart, 2189 75th Street for a retail theft. The offender was not ringing up merchandise in the self-checkout area. The offender exited the store and drove off in a white Ford Focus. An officer arriving on the scene observed the vehicle exiting the lot and the officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The store video shows the offender paying for a lime, but not paying for cases of Red Bull. Jeremy Bryan, 39, of 5329 S. Newcastle Avenue, Chicago was cited on a local ordinance for retail theft and given a court date of April 25, 2024 at DuPage County Judicial Center.

Theft

At 6:00 p.m. dispatch advised South Chicago Heights police had a subject in custody who was wanted on a warrant out of Darien for a theft. A pre-trial release was completed for Larry Zepsa, 40, of the 8400 block of Mystic Trace, Darien and given a court date of March 11, 2024 at DuPage County Judicial Center.

February 24

No reports to release.

February 25

Warrant Service

At 7:54 p.m. an officer in the 7400 block of Cass Avenue observed a vehicle with no registration lights and an expired license plate. The officer conducted a traffic stop in the 1100 block of Plainfield Road and arrested the driver, Mickel Salib, 21, of the 1100 block of 75th Street, Darien on a failure to appear traffic warrant out of Will County. Salib was issued a court date of March 20, 2024 at the Will County Court 100 W. Jefferson Street Room 304, Joliet.



February 26 to 28

No reports to release.