



DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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November 26

Criminal Damage to Property

At 12:40 a.m. an officer was dispatched to the area of Dartmouth Court and Brunswick Drive for a report of a suspicious noise. Upon arrival, the officer observed a mailbox in multiple pieces in the 7700 block of Brunswick Drive.

November 27

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

At 1:10 a.m. an officer in the 7400 block of Cass Avenue observed a vehicle driving with a flat front passenger tire, make an improper turn and crossing over lane lines. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver, Jake Marotta, 23, of the 600 block of 80th Street, Downers Grove was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, improper turn and use of unsafe tires. Marotta was given a pre-trial release and assigned a court date of January 06, 2026 at the DuPage County Judicial Center.



Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

At 2:40 a.m. an officer in the area of 75th Street and Fairview Avenue observed a vehicle traveling at a low rate of speed, then accelerated rapidly and then decreased speed. The vehicle turned onto Plainfield Road and crossed the center line and drove in the oncoming lane of traffic. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver, Michael Stimek, 28, of the 500 block of Hillside Drive, Streamwood was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage. Stimek was released and issued a mandatory court date of December 23, 2025 at the DuPage County Judicial Center.

November 28

Retail Theft

An officer was advised by a loss prevention employee that an unknown offender had taken items from the store without paying for them and drove away. The loss was set at \$44.74.

November 29

Retail Theft

At 3:25 p.m. officers dispatched to 2189 75th Street, Walmart, for a retail theft. Loss prevention observed a person not scanning all items at the self-checkout. The officers were outside and noticed the subjects walk past the last point of sale when they were approached by loss prevention. Melvin Edwards, 50, of the 7800 block of Woodward Avenue, Woodridge was charged with retail theft. Edwards was issued a pre-trial release with a court date of December 17, 2025 at the DuPage County Judicial Center.



Warrant Service

At 8:44 a.m. officers were dispatched to 951 N. Frontage Road, Woodspring Suites, for an unrelated call. While on scene, one of the subjects, Terence Byrd, 42, of the 900 block of Frontage Road, Darien had an original no bond arrest warrant for robbery out of Cicero. Byrd was transported to the Darien Police Department and turned over to a Cicero police officer.

Disorderly Conduct

At 8:49 p.m. an officer was dispatched to the Darien Police Department in reference to a disorderly conduct report. The complainant advised that on November 26 while at work, security camera footage observed that at 9:18 p.m. a vehicle with three female subjects pulled up next to the victim's parked vehicle and threw a cheeseburger with condiments onto the vehicle along with a cup of soda. On November 28, at 9:00 p.m., the same female subjects returned in the same vehicle and poured a caramel-like substance on the vehicle and threw eggs at it.

November 30**Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**

At 6:55 p.m. an officer responded to Country Lane for an accident where the offender fled the scene. A witness was able to describe the offender and advised that he was running from the vehicle and jumped a fence. The officer observed the person walking on Janet Avenue approaching Warwick Avenue and stopped him. Rolandas Peleckas, 46, of the 300 block of Plainfield Road, Darien was charged with driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident, no insurance, failure to reduce speed and no front license plate. Peleckas was given a court date of January 6, 2026 at the DuPage County Judicial Center.

**December 01 to 02**

No reports to release.

December 03**Possession of Cannabis**

At 3:00 a.m. officers on routine patrol near the 7500 block of Lemont Road observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was initiated in the area of 75th Street and Dunham Road. Jehon Simmons, 27, of the 8600 block of Pine Court, Ypsilanti, was issued a citation for speeding and unlawful possession cannabis by driver. Simmons was given a court date of December 18, 2025 at the DuPage County Judicial Center.