DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE
RELEASE DATE: **November 19**

November 12

No reports to release.

November 13

Retail Theft

At 12:32 p.m. officers were dispatched to the Walmart, 2189 75th Street regarding a retail theft in progress. A loss prevention associate stated that two subjects were seen putting items into shopping bags. Officers made contact with the subjects in the store and Nicole Bettendorf, 49, of the 4800 block of Kolin Avenue, Chicago and Talia Bettendorf, 29, of the 4800 block of Kolin Avenue, Chicago were both charged with Attempt Retail Theft. Both subjects were given a court date of December 8, 2026 at the DuPage County Judicial Center. Both subjects were also trespassed from Walmart.

Sale of Alcohol to Person Under 21

At 9:18 p.m. officers went to the Darien Pantry, 737 Plainfield Road, to speak with the clerk regarding the sale of alcohol to minors on multiple occasions in November after traffic stops where the minors had alcohol in the vehicle and admitted where they purchased it. Parth Nanavati, 32, of the 6600 block of Winston Drive, Woodridge was issued a citation for sell, give, or deliver alcohol to a person under 21 years of age. Nanavati was given a mandatory court date of December 10, 2026 at the DuPage County Judicial Center.

November 14 - 15

No reports to release.

November 16

Warrant, Speeding

At 11:19 p.m. officers on routine traffic enforcement observed a vehicle a vehicle in the 8300 block of Cass Avenue traveling at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver had an active warrant out of DeKalb County. Lecia Johnson, 21, of the 12000 block of Kenneth Avenue, Alsip was cited for speeding and issued a pre-trial release. Johnson was advised of her court date on December 4, 2026 at the DeKalb County Courthouse.

November 17

No reports to release.

November 18

No Valid Driver's License

At 3:20 a.m. officers traveling southbound on Lemont Road observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on northbound Lemont Road. A traffic stop was initiated and Juan Hernandez-Hernandez, 21, of the 2500 block of Hamlin Avenue, Chicago was transported to the Darien Police Department and charged with driving without a valid driver's license and speeding. Hernandez-Hernandez was released and given a court date of December 3, 2026 at the DuPage County Judicial Center.