



# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

**8-21-2023 thru 8-27-2023**

In our effort for full transparency about what is occurring in the City of Berwyn, included is a report detailing significant incidents handled by the Berwyn Police Department for this week.



# **BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **MISSING JUVENILE**

**MELAH  
ARMSTRONG**

**15 YEARS OLD**

**FEMALE**

**5 FEET 4 INCHES**

**130 POUNDS**



**\*MELAH WAS LAST SEEN ON  
MAY 14, 2023**

**\*MELAH WAS LAST SEEN WEARING  
AN ORANGE HOODED SWEATSHIRT,  
BLUE JEANS, AND BLACK SHOES**

**IF YOU HAVE SEEN THIS PERSON OR  
HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,  
CONTACT THE BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT @ (708) 795-5600**

# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MAJOR ARREST REPORT



NAME: DANIEL VARGAS

INCIDENT LOCATION: 2200 BLOCK OF RIDGELAND AVENUE

INCIDENT DATE: 08.27.2023

CHARGE: AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO A POLICE OFFICER

**BERWYN INCIDENT #: 23.07930**

**ARREST DATE: AUGUST 27, 2023**

*The public is reminded that all persons taken into custody are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law*

# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MAJOR ARREST REPORT



NAME: MIGUEL LOPEZ

INCIDENT LOCATION: 1600 BLOCK OF HIGHLAND AVENUE

INCIDENT DATE: 08.22.2023

CHARGE: UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON BY A FELON

**BERWYN INCIDENT #: 23.07793**

**ARREST DATE: AUGUST 22, 2023**

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# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MAJOR ARREST REPORT



NAME: MIGUEL PEREZ

INCIDENT LOCATION: 1600 BLOCK OF CLINTON AVENUE

INCIDENT DATE: 08.25.2023

CHARGE: POSSESSION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE

**BERWYN INCIDENT #: 23.07870**

**ARREST DATE: AUGUST 25, 2023**

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# CITY OFFICIAL BRIEFING

8-21-2023 thru 8-27-2023

## STATISTICS GLIMPSE

- Number of Calls for Service: 1,401
- Number of Arrests: 33
- Felony Arrests: 5
- Local Ordinance Citations Issued: 27
- Moving Violations Issued: 267
- Use of Force Incidents: 3

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD: NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS
- 2<sup>ND</sup> WARD: NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS
- 3<sup>RD</sup> WARD: FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF A DISABLED PERSON/DECEPTIVE PRACTICE; AGGRAVATED BATTERY/UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON
- 4<sup>TH</sup> WARD: CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT
- 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD: UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON-KNIFE/AGGRAVATED ASSAULT; UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON BY A FELON; UNWANTED SUBJECT/WARRANT SERVICE; CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT; VEHICLE TAKEOVER/AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO A POLICE OFFICER
- 6<sup>TH</sup> WARD: STOLEN AUTO (x2); CATALYTIC CONVERTER (x2)
- 7<sup>TH</sup> WARD: FIGHT/BRAWL; POSSESSION OF A STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE
- 8<sup>TH</sup> WARD: CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

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# CALLS FOR SERVICE

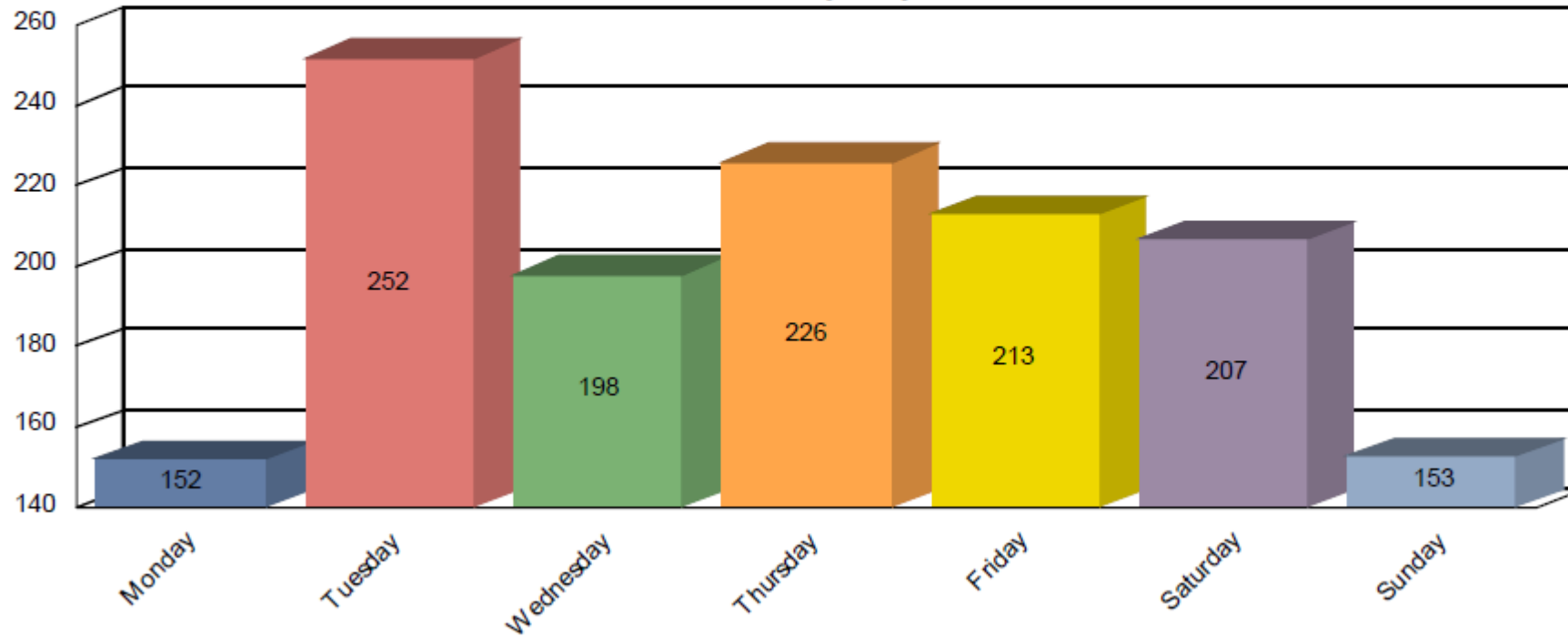
8-21-2023 THRU 8-27-2023

## Total Items For Service

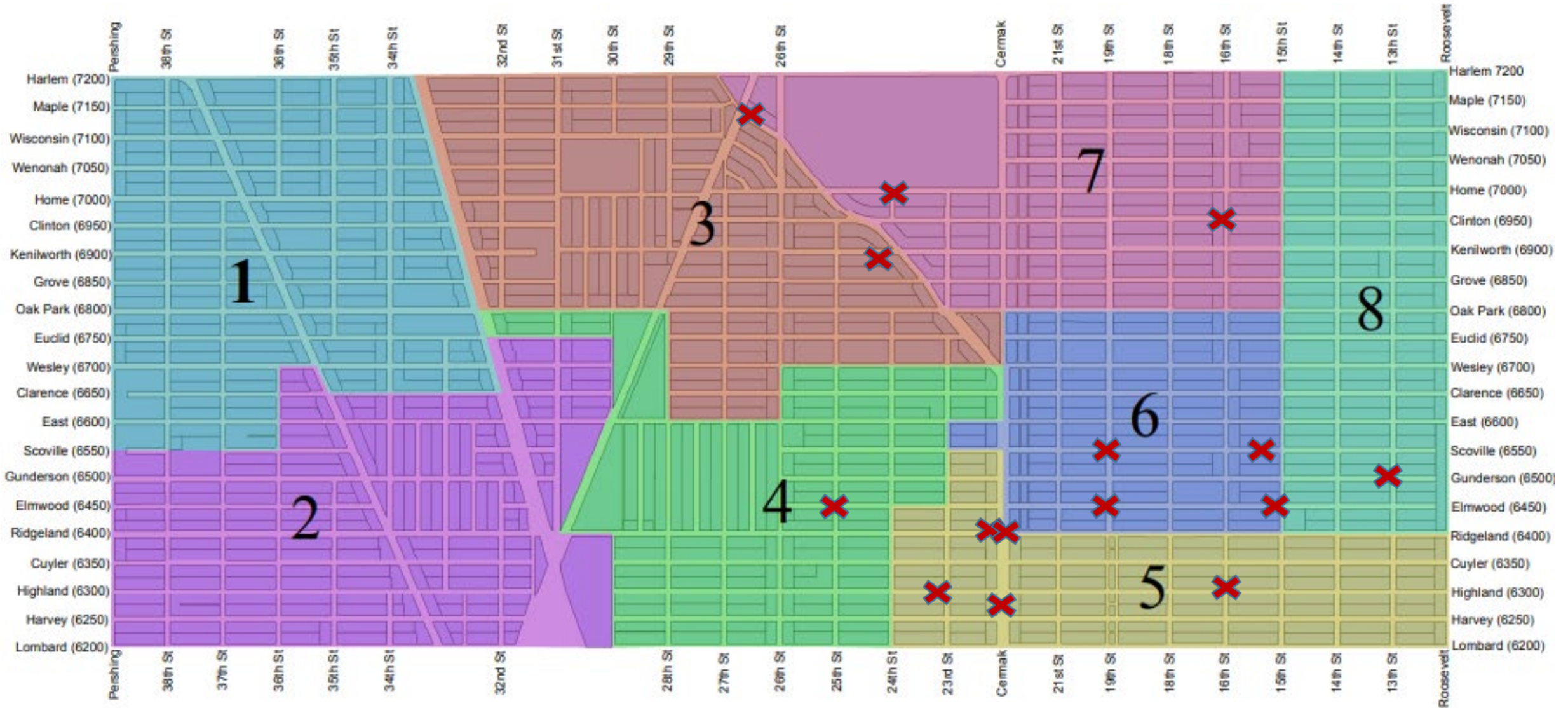
1,401

### Items For Service Distribution

Total By Day of Week



# Significant Incidents 08-21-2023 thru 8-27-2023





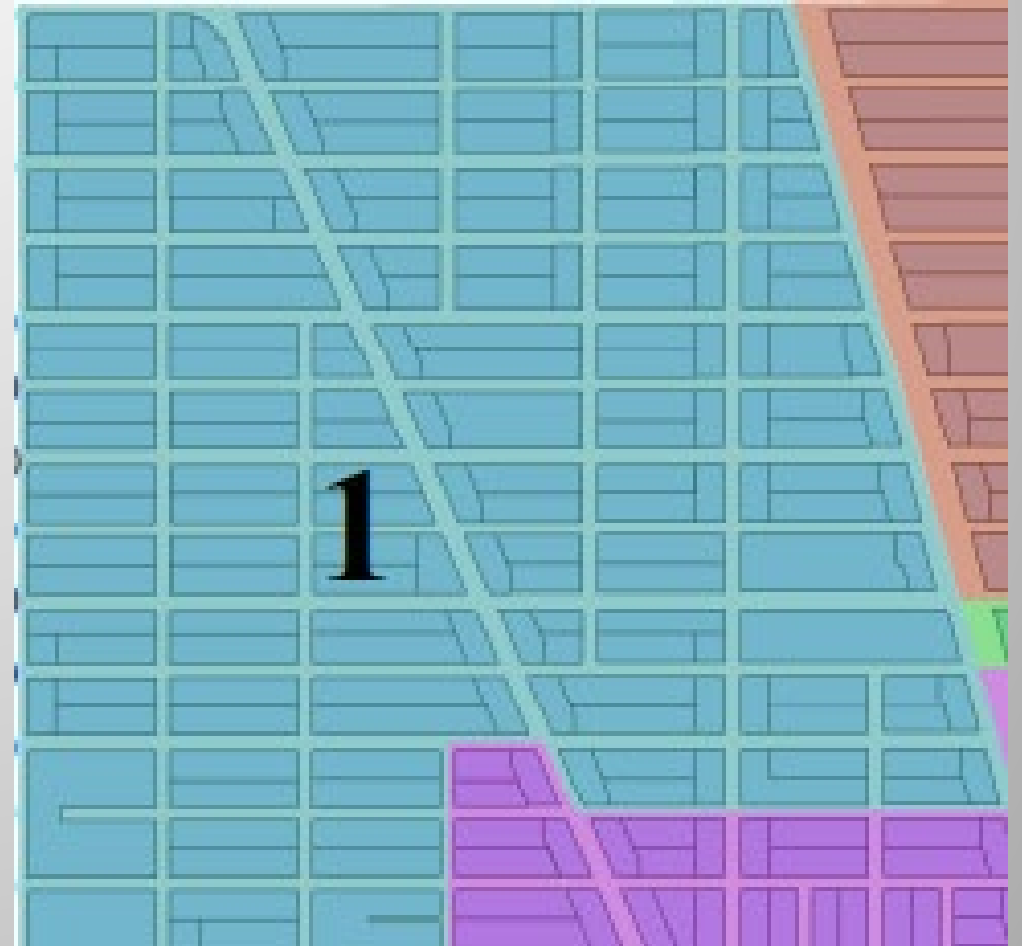
# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD

FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

No Significant Incidents



Ward 1



# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 2<sup>ND</sup> WARD

FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

No Significant Incidents



Ward 2



# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 3<sup>RD</sup> WARD

FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

## **Financial Exploitation of a Disabled Person/Deceptive Practice 2400 block of Kenilworth — 8/27/2023 — 12:01p.m.**

Officers responded to the 2400 block of Kenilworth for a report of a Deceptive Practice incident. The victim's disabled son was previously contacted by an unknown male who attempted to deposit a check for a large amount of money in his bank account. On 8/27/23, a Male Black subject arrived at the victim's residence in attempt to recover the money. The victim's father attempted to intervene at which time the subject fled leaving his vehicle, cell phone, and shoes behind. The offender was described as a Male Black subject with dreadlocks, wearing a white t-shirt, grey joggers, and no shoes. The subject fled on foot Southeast from said location. This investigation is ongoing.

## **Aggravated Battery/Unlawful Use of a Weapon — 8/27/2023 7100 block of Riverside Drive — 1:25a.m.**

Berwyn Officers responded to a residence on the 7100 block of Riverside Drive for a report of a gunshot victim. Upon arrival, responding officers learned a domestic dispute occurred between a male and female subject inside of the residence. During the dispute the female subject fired one shot at the male subject and struck him in the face. The victim was transported to a local area hospital for treatment. The female subject surrendered herself to police and was taken into custody without incident. This investigation is ongoing.



Ward 3



# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 4<sup>TH</sup> WARD

FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

## **Catalytic Converter Theft — 8/25/2023** **2500 block of Elmwood — 6:35a.m.**

Officers responded to a call of a Catalytic Converter Theft in progress. The caller advised that two (2) Male Black subjects wearing black face masks and black hoodies exited a red-in-color sedan and removed the Catalytic Converter from a parked vehicle. The offenders fled the scene prior to police arrival. This investigation is ongoing.



Ward 4



# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD

FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

## **Unlawful Use of a Weapon-Knife/Aggravated Assault — 8/22/2023** **McDonald's (Cermak/Ridgeland) — 1:36a.m.**

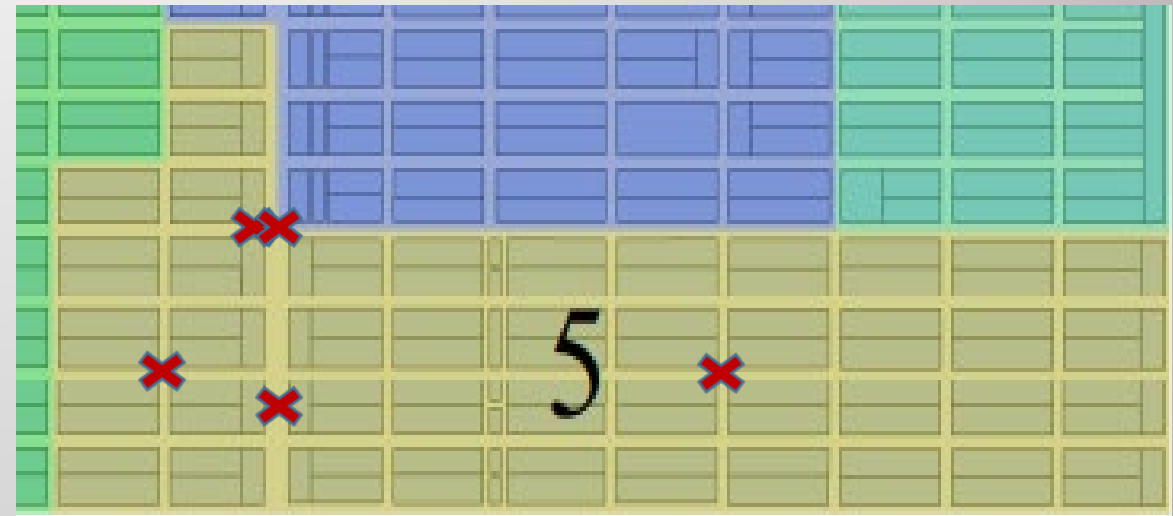
Officers responded to McDonald's (Cermak/Ridgeland) for a report of an assault that had just occurred. Responding officers learned that a Male Black subject was making loud and derogatory comments inside of the restaurant when he was approached by a female patron who told him to stop. The male subject continued to cause disruption in the restaurant when a male patron became involved at which time a verbal altercation ensued among all three (3) parties. The offender then pulled a folding knife out of his front pocket and displayed an open blade in the direction of the male and female subjects. The offender attempted to move in the direction of the patrons with the knife in his hand. The offender disobeyed verbal commands from officers to stand down and an officer subsequently deployed his taser, striking the victim in the back, and ultimately eliminated the active threat. The offender was taken into custody and transported to the Berwyn Police Department and subsequently charged accordingly. Case closed by arrest.

## **Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon — 8/22/2023** **16<sup>th</sup> Street/Highland — 9:22p.m.**

Officers responded to a call of a man with a gun in the area of 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Highland. The caller stated a Hispanic Male subject, wearing black shorts and no shirt, displayed a handgun at her when she was driving. Officers located a male subject matching that description in the rear of a residence on the 1500 block of Highland. Said male subject had a loaded firearm next to where he was sitting when officers arrived. Positive identification on said subject as well as the firearm was made by the victims. Officers learned that the offender does not have a valid FOID or CCL. Officers placed the offender in custody and transported him to the Berwyn Police Department for processing. The subject was charged with one (1) felony count of Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon. Case closed by arrest.



Ward 5



# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD

FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

## **Unwanted Subject/Warrant Service — 8/24/2023** **World's Largest Laundromat (6246 W. Cermak) — 12:54a.m.**

Officers responded to World's Largest Laundromat for the report of a male subject sleeping on the couch inside of the establishment and not waking up. Upon arrival, responding officers were able to wake the subject who appeared highly intoxicated. A name check revealed an active warrant out of Cook County for Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer. Said subject was taken into custody and subsequently processed on the outstanding warrant. Case closed by arrest.

## **Catalytic Converter Theft — 8/25/2023** **2300 block of Highland — 7:12a.m.**

Officers responded to the 2300 block of Highland for a Catalytic Converter Theft that had just occurred. The caller stated she observed two (2) Male Black subjects remove the Catalytic Converter from her parked vehicle. The offenders fled the scene prior to officer arrival. This investigation is ongoing.

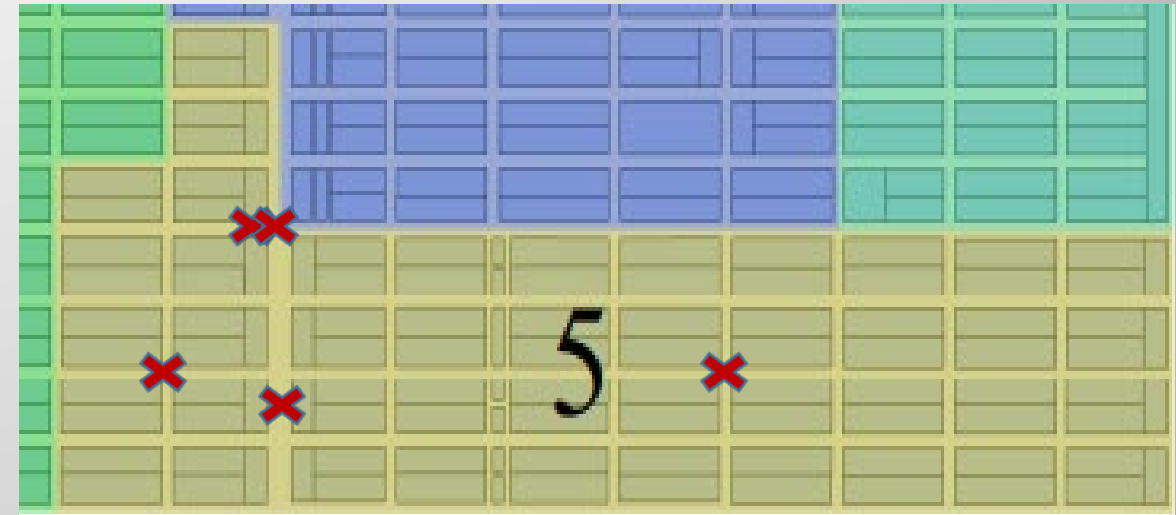
## **Vehicle Takeover/Reckless Driving** **Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer — 8/27/2023** **Cermak/Ridgeland Ave. — 12:44a.m.**

Berwyn Dispatch received numerous calls in reference to multiple vehicles obstructing the intersection at Cermak/Ridgeland Ave. Responding Officers observed approximately 60+ vehicles attempting to take over the intersection by placing a flare in the middle of the intersection and circling around it. Officers were able to successfully block off the intersection and divert the traffic Eastbound on Cermak.

During this incident, officers observed a vehicle traveling Eastbound on Cermak at a high rate of speed. Officers conducted a traffic stop, however, the driver was uncooperative with officers. Officers took said driver into custody at which time the male subject spit in the face of the arresting officer. The subject was transported to the Berwyn Police Department and subsequently charged with one (1) felony count of Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer. Case closed by arrest.



Ward 5



# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 6<sup>TH</sup> WARD

FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

## Stolen Auto — 8/24/2023

1500 block of Elmwood — 10:15p.m.

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Elmwood for a report of a stolen vehicle. Responding officers met with the victim who related that he parked his vehicle at approximately 6:00p.m. on 8/23/23 and when he returned at 9:30p.m. on 8/24/23 he discovered the vehicle was missing. Vehicle was entered into LEADS as stolen. This investigation is ongoing.

## Catalytic Converter Theft — 8/25/2023

1900 block of Elmwood — 6:28a.m.

Officers responded to the 1900 block of Elmwood for a Catalytic Converter Theft in progress. The caller stated two (2) Male Black subjects wearing facemasks and black hoodies exited a red in color sedan and removed the Catalytic Converter from a parked vehicle. When the reporting party stepped outside, one of the subjects displayed a handgun. The reporting party went back inside their residence and the offenders fled the scene. This investigation is ongoing.

## Catalytic Converter Theft — 8/25/2023

1500 block of Scoville — 8:05a.m.

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Scoville for a report of a Catalytic Converter Theft. The victim related she parked her vehicle around 10:00p.m. on 8/24/23 and when she returned at 8:00a.m. on 8/25/23 she discovered her Catalytic Converter was missing. This investigation is ongoing.

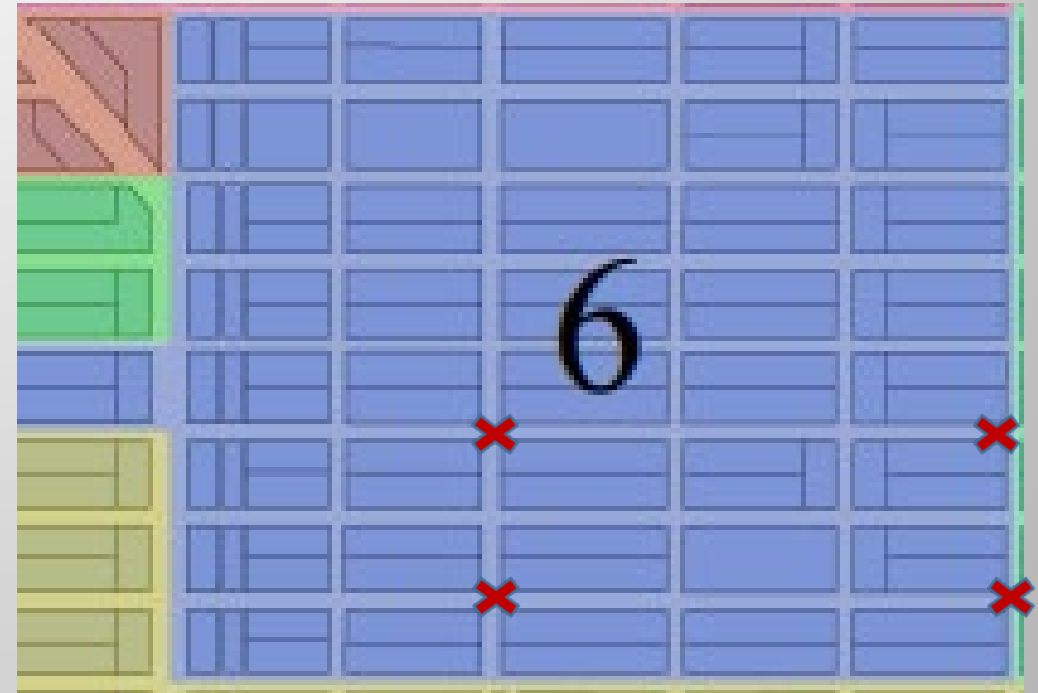
## Stolen Auto — 8/26/2023

1900 block of Scoville — 11:24a.m.

Officers responded to the 1900 block of Scoville for a report of a stolen auto. The victim related he parked his vehicle at 12:45a.m. on 8/26/23 and when he returned at 11:30a.m. he discovered it missing. The victim further advised that his handgun and wallet (containing his State I.D., FOID, and credit cards) were also stolen with the vehicle. The Stolen Vehicle and Firearm were entered into LEADS as stolen. This investigation is ongoing.



Ward 6



# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 7<sup>TH</sup> WARD

FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

## **Fight/Brawl — 8/21/2023**

**Morton West High School (2400 S. Home Ave.) — 3:27p.m.**

Officers responded to multiple calls reporting a fight in front of Morton West High School. Upon arrival, responding officers observed multiple female juveniles involved in a verbal and physical altercation. Officers gave numerous verbal commands to leave the area and stop fighting but were ignored. After numerous de-escalation attempts, officers ultimately took three (3) female juveniles into custody without incident. All three (3) subjects were issued Local Citations and released to their parent/guardian. Case closed by arrest.

## **Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle — 8/25/2023**

**16<sup>th</sup> Street/Clinton Ave. — 8:52a.m.**

Units received notification of a FLOCK notification on a stolen vehicle traveling Westbound on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. A Berwyn Police Officer located and conducted a traffic stop on said vehicle at 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Clinton Ave. The officer made contact with the driver who related he rented the vehicle. Berwyn Police made contact with the rental agency who related said vehicle was supposed to have been returned on 7/27/23 and has since been reported stolen. The agency related they wished to sign criminal complaints. The driver was then placed into custody and transported to the Berwyn Police Department. The driver (male subject) was subsequently charged with one (1) felony count of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle. Case closed by arrest.



Ward 7





# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS IN 8<sup>TH</sup> WARD

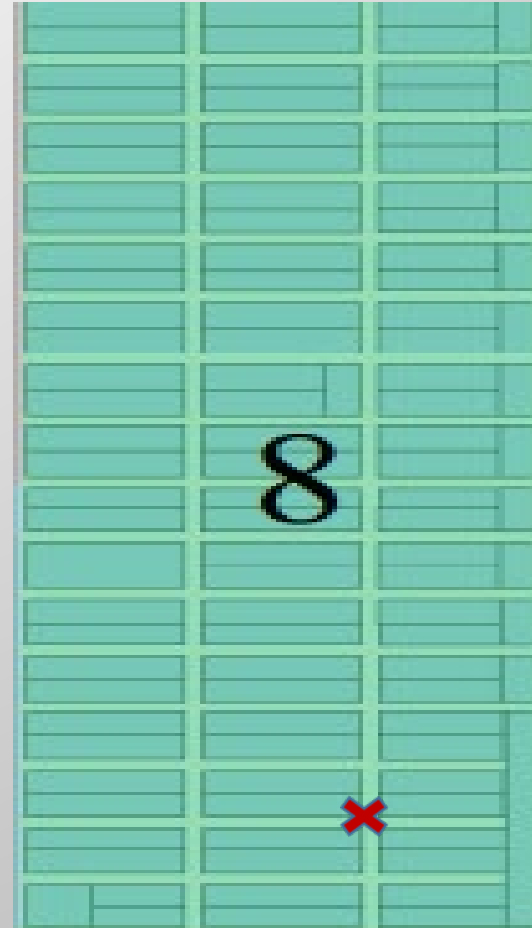
FOR WEEK OF 8/21/2023

## **Catalytic Converter Theft — 8/26/2023** **1300 block of Gunderson — 12:07a.m.**

Officers responded to the 1300 block of Gunderson for a report of a Catalytic Converter Theft. The victim related she parked her vehicle around 10:00p.m. on 8/25/23 and when she returned at 7:00a.m. on 8/26/23 she discovered her Catalytic Converter was missing. This investigation is ongoing.



Ward 8



# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

Information: **BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE**

The Berwyn Police Department is attempting to identify the persons and dark colored vehicle depicted in the photographs. These subjects are suspects in the alleged Burglary to Motor Vehicle that occurred on June 30, 2023. This incident occurred in the 1500 Block of Highland.



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CRIME TIP FORM LINK @ BERWYNPD.ORG**

# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

Information:

**RETAIL THEFT**

The Berwyn Police Department is attempting to identify the persons depicted in the photographs. These subjects are suspects in the alleged Retail Theft occurred on July 23, 2023. This incident occurred in the 7000 Block of Cermak Road.



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# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

### LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

#### Information:

The Berwyn Police Department is attempting to identify the vehicle depicted in the photograph. The Vehicle was involved in a Hit and Run Traffic Crash that occurred on June 30, 2023. This incident occurred in the 3800 Block of Kenilworth Ave.



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# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

Information:

**RETAIL THEFT**

The Berwyn Police Department is attempting to identify the subjects depicted in the photographs. These subjects are suspects in the alleged retail theft that occurred on July 22, 2023. This incident occurred in the 7100 Block of Cermak Road.



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# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

Information:                      **RETAIL THEFT**

The Berwyn Police Department is attempting to identify the subject depicted in the photograph. These subjects are suspects in the alleged retail theft that occurred on July 13, 2023. This incident occurred in the 7100 Block of Cermak Road.



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# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

Information:                      **RETAIL THEFT**

The Berwyn Police Department is attempting to identify the subject depicted in the photograph. This subject is a suspect in the alleged attempt burglary that occurred on August 15, 2023. This incident occurred in the 3500 Block of Harvey Avenue.



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# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

### THEFT OF LOST/MISLAID PROPERTY

#### Information:

The Berwyn Police Department is attempting to identify the subjects depicted in the photographs. These subjects are suspects in the alleged theft of lost/mislaid property that occurred on August 19, 2023. This incident occurred in the 6600 Block of Roosevelt Road.



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# BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THEFT

### Information:

The Berwyn Police Department is attempting to locate the vehicle and identify the subject depicted in the photographs. This subject is a suspect in the alleged theft of a maintenance hole cover. This incident occurred in the area of Cermak Road and Highland Avenue.



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