COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME REPORT SUMMARY

August 21, 2026

Date	Time	Location	Offense	Incident Summary
8-15-26	12:19 AM	Plainfield and LaGrange	Hit and Run, No Driver's License	A 21 year old Countryside man was cited and released for Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Driving Without a Driver's License after he left the scene of a car accident he was involved in at Plainfield Road and LaGrange Road. He was located at his residence where he admitted to his involvement prior to being cited and released on scene.
8-16-26	4:19 PM	5555 Brainard TJ Maxx	Theft	A loss prevention officer reported a Hispanic female wearing a tan hat and black shirt stole $565.88 in merchandise from the store before leaving in a black Geo Prizm.
8-17-26	2:20 PM	5900 block LaGrange Road	Disorderly Conduct	A 23 year old Summit woman was cited and released for Disorderly Conduct after being identified as the offender who threw a drink at another driver during a road rage incident which occurred on 8-13-26.
8-18-26	12:21 PM	55th Street and LaGrange Road	Hit and Run	The victim reported a black SUV turned left in front of her as she drove on LaGrange Road, which caused the vehicles to crash. After the crash the black SUV fled east on 55th Street.
8-21-26	9:45 AM	5508 LaGrange Road, Enterprise Rental Car	Theft	The victim reported he left his wallet on the counter at the business on 8-20-26 at approximately 8:30 AM. Later in the day he realized his wallet was gone and when he checked his credit card accounts, he discovered several unauthorized purchases had been made on one of the credit cards that was inside the wallet.

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ARREST SUMMARY

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Date	Time	Location	Charge(s)	Defendant Information*	Incident Summary
8-15-2026	6:29 PM	LaGrange Road and 58th Street	Aggravated DUI (3 or more convictions), Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Aggravated Driving While License Revoked, DUI – Alcohol, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident	Steven K. Strejc M/38 yoa Hickory Hills, IL	Strejc rear ended a car stopped in traffic on LaGrange Road at 58th Street. While speaking to the responding officers, Strejc displayed signs that he was highly intoxicated. While inside an ambulance that responded for the traffic crash, Strejc became combative and punched a police officer in the face. During the investigation it was learned that Strejc had four (4) prior convictions for DUI and five (5) prior convictions for Driving While his License was Suspended or Revoked. After the Cook County State's Attorney approved the listed felony charges against Strejc, he was released with a court date.
8-17-2026	2:21 PM	9800 block Joliet Road	Theft of Mislaid Property	Kathy M. Arrington F/26 yoa Chicago, IL	Officers received an LPR camera notification that a vehicle involved in the theft of a purse on 8-10-26 was driving through Countryside. After stopping the car, the front seat passenger, Arrington, was identified as the offender who stole the purse. Arrington was arrested without incident and later released with a court date.
8-20-2026	4:51 PM	5555 Brainard TJ Maxx	Retail Theft	Olga O. Kotalik F/45 yoa Oak Park, IL	A loss prevention officer observed Kotalik steal $267.95 in merchandise from the store. The loss prevention officer detained her until officers arrived and placed Kotalik under arrest without incident. Kotalik was released with a court date.

** Individuals listed have been charged with a criminal offense and have a pending court date. All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*