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### **Burr Ridge Police Investigate Theft of Mail**

On November 7, 2021, at 3:45 am, Burr Ridge officers attempted to talk to a man found walking through an office complex in the 16W300 block of 83<sup>rd</sup> Street. The man ran from officers towards Illinois Route 83. The man stopped at the Burr Ridge Shell Station, 16W601 South Frontage Road, took the store clerk's cell phone, and continued to flee. Near the Shell Station, officers found multiple pieces of mail from businesses in the office park where the man was first observed. Officers' further attempts to locate the man were unsuccessful.

Near the scene, officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The Driver, Etoya Patterson Pleas, 24 years old, of 6600 block of Paulina, Chicago, was arrested for having no valid driver's license, obstructing identification, unlawful possession of cannabis, and unlawful possession of ammunition. Patterson Pleas was found to have an active warrant from Wisconsin. She was subsequently charged as a fugitive from justice and taken to DuPage County Jail to await extradition.

The next morning, a local business provided a video of the male suspect, seen taking mail from business mailboxes. The suspect appeared to have a firearm in the waistband of his pants.

The Burr Ridge Police Department would like to provide the following recommendations from the US Postal Services that residents and business owners can take to protect their mail/packages from theft: (Source: <https://www.usps.gov/tips-prevention/mail-theft>)

- Promptly pick-up mail.                      Deposit mail close to pick-up times.
- Inquire about overdue mail                Don't send cash
- Arrange for prompt pick-up                Use hold for pick-up
- Request signature confirmation

Anyone with information regarding this mail theft is asked to contact the Burr Ridge Police Department Investigations Bureau at 630-323-8181.

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