

# Village of Tinley Park

## News Release



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### **Officer injured Oct. 17 during burglary to vehicle incident**

A Tinley Park police officer was injured Oct. 17 while responding to a call of a burglary to a motor vehicle in progress at Panera Bread, 7204 W. 191<sup>st</sup> St., Tinley Park.

The caller reported a man exiting a white Dodge Durango with Texas plates and entering an unlocked BMW. According to the caller, the man dug through the car and then returned to the Durango, which then drove away. Moments later, the caller said they located the owner of the BMW, who confirmed that items were missing from the car.

Once at the scene, the officer and the caller found the Durango parked unoccupied in the fire lane at Best Buy. As the officer approached on foot, two men exited the store and immediately got into the Durango.

In an attempt to stop the men, the officer opened the driver's side door and reached in to grab the driver. The Durango sped away, trapping the officer in the car. With the officer hanging out of the vehicle, the Durango sped away from the scene at a high rate of speed, disobeyed a stop sign, lost control and then crashed head-on into a tree. The men were able to flee from the vehicle and escape.

The officer sustained several injuries and was transported to Silver Cross Hospital for treatment.

This case remains under active investigation.

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