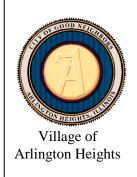


## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ALERT

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## **Clown Sightings**

The Arlington Heights Police Department is aware of "creepy clowns" incidents that have been reported across the nation and in some Chicago suburbs. In Arlington Heights, there have been four instances of citizens reporting incidents involving clowns.

- The first incident occurred in the area of Northwest Highway and Dunton. A male was seen riding a bicycle wearing a clown mask. The area was searched; however the male was not located. There were no additional calls regarding this incident.
- The second incident occurred in the area of Carefree Park 1231 S. Belmont; the caller saw a suspicious person/vehicle and thought it might be related to the suspicious clown sightings. The caller did not actually see a clown, but saw a male in a white jumpsuit go into the wooded area near the park. The area was searched for this individual, he was not located. There were no additional calls regarding this incident.
- The third incident occurred at Westgate Park 211 N. Reuter; the caller reported seeing a person wearing a clown mask exit the park. The area was searched, however, this person, was not located. There were no additional calls regarding this incident.
- The fourth incident occurred in the 1500 block of W. Vine, the caller reported seeing a person wearing a clown mask in the neighborhood. The area was searched; however, the person was not located. There were no additional calls regarding this incident.

The Arlington Heights Police Department will continue to respond to all calls of suspicious people and investigate them thoroughly. If you see any suspicious person or activity, please do not approach or put yourself in harm's way, call 9-1-1 immediately to have officers respond and investigate.



Anyone having information about this or any other serious crime in Arlington Heights should submit an anonymous text tip by texting the keyword 847AHPD and your message to 847411(tip411) or call Arlington Heights Crime Stoppers at (847) 590-STOP. Callers are guaranteed anonymity and may qualify for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

