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**Police News**

**David M. Webber**, 33, of 737 E. Main, was arrested at 11:19 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 in the 600 block of East Honeywell. He was charged with harassment of a witness for a prior drug case. Webber was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

A **46-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 5:39 a.m. Aug. 30 that someone damaged the back door at L&M's, 307 E. Main.

An **82-year-old** man reported Aug. 30 that someone took items from his home in the 300 block of West Penn.

**Police are investigating** a report made at 12:21 p.m. Aug. 30 by an employee of Dollar General, who said a male customer scammed a cashier.

**Two people** were arrested on methamphetamine-related charges at 6:15 p.m. Aug. 30 at 401 E. Young.

Lincoln T. Ingram, 42 and Mary Fenstermacher, 28, both of 325 S. Third St., were charged with aggravated participation of methamphetamine production, possession of methamphetamine manufacturing material and methamphetamine-related child endangerment. Both were taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Illinois State Police assisted in the arrest.

A **36-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 4:26 a.m. Aug. 31 that someone removed items from his home during the previous night. The burglary occurred in the 300 block of West Penn.

**Eric R. Bell**, 22, of 302 W. Penn, was arrested at 10:10 a.m. Aug. 31 in the 300 block of West Penn. He was charged with forgery and possession of stolen property in connection with the Aug. 30 burglary in the 300 block of W. Penn. He was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

**Zacaria C. Sage**, 19, of 720 E. Honeywell was arrested at 9:06 p.m. Aug. 31 at McFerren Park. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance and was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident Sept. 1 in the 800 block of East Lincoln. Police said Marilyn Lithgow of Hoopeston, in a 2001 Chevrolet Malibu, stopped at Seventh and East Lincoln, then went in reverse for 125 feet, striking a 2001 Lincoln Towncar owned by Teresa Perna of New Jersey.

**Matthew S. Ray**, 24, of 715 E. Thompson, was arrested at 6:22 p.m. Sept. 1 in the 700 block of East Thompson. Ray, wanted on a Benton County, Ind., warrant for probation violation, was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await extradition.

**Joseph E. Irons**, 18, of 220 N. Ohio, State Line, Ind., turned himself in to police at 9:37 p.m. Sept. 1 at 316 W. Elm. Irons, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$100 cash bond.

A **16-year-old** Hoopeston girl reported at 11:14 p.m. Sept. 1 that a man told her to be quiet, then struck her on the face. The incident occurred at Washington and Eighth Ave.

**Billy J. Robinson**, 28, of 305 W. Penn was arrested at 2:10 a.m. Sept. 2 at his home. Wanted on a Benton County, Ind., warrant for violation of probation, he was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await extradition.

A **41-year-old** Cissna Park man reported at 12:06 a.m. Sept. 2 that while acting as a security officer for BJ's Pump, he was kicked and punched and fell over a railing while trying to stop two other men from causing a disturbance.

A **74-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 6:11 a.m. Sept. 2 that someone took the spare tire from his

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truck while it was in the 600 block of West Penn.

**Hoopeston Area Soccer** Association reported at 6:30 a.m. Sept. 2 that several goals were damaged at the field in the 900 block of Sixth Ave., when they were turned over.

**Officers discovered** a window on the West side of Centennial Manor had been broken. The damage was found at 7 a.m. Sept. 2 at 426 E. Honeywell.

**A 22-year-old** Milford man reported at 10:30 p.m. Sept. 2 that someone broke the windshield of his vehicle while it was at McFerren Park.

**A 43-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 4 p.m. Sept. 2 that someone took her vehicle from Sav-U-Mor Food Store in the 300 block of S. Market.

The vehicle was found Sept. 3 at Knuth's impound lot.

**Two decorated** tumblers and a glass mug were found Sept. 3 at Sixth Ave. and West Maple. The owner may identify and claim them at the police

## Dead crow found in county tests positive for West Nile virus

A dead crow found in Vermilion County has tested positive for West Nile Virus. Officials with the Vermilion County Health Department said the bird is one of several they have sent in recently for testing. "Now that we know the West Nile virus is in the community, we will no longer be accepting birds for testing," said Environmental Health Director Kolby Riggie. "The testing has served its purpose, and now we want to alert Vermilion County residents that the virus is in our community and they need to take precautions," he said. However, anyone finding a dead bird can call the health department at (217) 431-2662 to report its location, allowing officials to track and log where the birds are in Vermilion County. "We will just not collect birds and send them in for testing," he said.

As of last week, the state health department reported 19 human cases of West Nile across the state. Riggie said those numbers may increase. "Even with summer drawing to a close, people should avoid mosquito bites," he said. Fall is a busy time for mosquito activity, and they remain a threat until the first hard frost. Illinois Department of Public Health said 31 counties reported samples positive for West Nile virus as of last week.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a

station.

**Marico A. Miller**, 23, of 320 N. Lockwood, Chicago, was arrested at 6:53 p.m. Sept. 3 at McFerren Park on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear/first appearance. Miller was released on bond.

**A single key** and car remote were found at McFerren Park. Owner or owners may identify and claim them at the police station.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 4 in the 200 block of West Maple. An unknown vehicle hit a 2001 Chevrolet S-10 truck owned by Vernon Fink of Hoopeston.

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:45 p.m. Sept. 5 at East Orange and Market. Police said Anna M. Clouse of Hoopeston, in a 1992 Dodge, was eastbound on Orange and turned onto Market in front of a 1998 Dodge driven by Joanna A.

mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

The best way to limit exposure is to avoid being outside during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants. Use an insect repellant that includes DEET and eliminate standing water. More information on West Nile is available on the health department's website at [www.vchd.org](http://www.vchd.org), or on the state health department site at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm>.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High 76. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 56. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 74, low 52.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Johns, also of Hoopeston. Both drivers' vision was obscured by dust from work being done in a nearby field.

**A 37-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 1 p.m. Thursday that her cell phone was taken from Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange.

**Santiago Castaneda Jr.**, 27, of 222 E. Lincoln was arrested at 8:50 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of East Lincoln. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 51-year-old Hoopeston person and was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

**A girl's denim purse** was found Saturday at the Midget Football field on Sixth Ave. It may be identified and claimed at the police station.

**A Maxon radio** charged was found at city hall. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

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