

# Village of Tinley Park

## News Release



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### **Police respond to incident at Intimo Lounge Sunday night**

Tinley Park police responded at 2:04 a.m. May 20 to a disturbance at Intimo Lounge, 7068 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> St., Tinley Park to find approximately 60 people involved in an altercation in the parking lot. The group dispersed after police arrived.

While responding to the Intimo incident, police were advised of a call to Cook County police dispatch of possible shots fired at nearby Dendrino's, 18300 S. Oak Park Ave. While police found nothing amiss at Dendrino's upon arrival, they did discover three spent .45-caliber shell casings near the shared lot in front of Intimo.

"The safety and wellbeing of all of our citizens and guests is of utmost importance to the Village," Mayor Jacob Vandenberg said. "And while we are relieved that this incident resulted in no serious injuries to patrons, residents or police officers, we are very concerned about the violent nature of the disturbance. I am perplexed that information about the incident was not more quickly relayed to authorities."

Earlier in the evening, at approximately 12:30 a.m., police responded to a complaint of loud music coming from a vehicle outside Intimo. When police responded, no vehicle was on premise and the complaint was determined to be unfounded.

Residents posted video of the parking lot altercation on social media, which police will use in their investigation.

"From a community policing perspective, we need to rely on our bar owners and bystanders to take responsibility for reporting any incidents they see," Vandenberg said. "The best deterrent of crime is a watchful eye from bystanders."

"We will work closely with the police to review safety and security protocols, address what led up to this disturbance and address any potential safety concerns so we are able to ensure that all safety and security measures are in place. It's critically important that we can be assured that our business owners work collaboratively with law enforcement officers to protect the safety and security of our residents and visitors. Working together as a community, we will keep Tinley Park safe for all of us."

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