

# Illinois State Police Combats Vehicle Hijacking & Theft

The Illinois State Police (ISP) continues to target vehicle theft, hijacking, and related violent crimes using grant funding from the Illinois Secretary of State Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. ISP was awarded a \$10 million grant for the first fiscal year, another \$677,000 in June 2024, and \$637,500 in July 2025.

From October through December 2025, ISP missions resulted in the following:

- Vehicles recovered – stolen and/or hijacked.....243
- Stolen vehicle arrests .....23
- Hijacked vehicle arrests .....1
- Firearms seized as a result of stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery.....5
- Missions targeting stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violent crime.....5
- K9 used for stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violence crime .....19
- Air Operations targeting stolen hijacked vehicle recovery and related violent crime.....35
- Forensic laboratory assignments related to stolen/hijacked

vehicle.....1027

## Highlights of ISP vehicle recovery efforts:

October 31, 2025, ISP located a stolen Nissan and attempted a traffic stop on I-94 southbound at 91st Street in Chicago, but the Nissan fled. The driver parked the Nissan around the 9000 block of S. Harper and two occupants ran from the vehicle and inside a residence. At the residence, officers found a stolen Porsche along with two firearms.

November 21, 2025, ISP located a stolen Chevrolet and attempted a traffic stop on I-94 northbound at 87th Street in Chicago, but the Chevrolet fled. The driver parked the Chevrolet around the 7000 block of S. Michigan Ave and five occupants ran from the vehicle. ISP took all five occupants into custody.

December 22, 2025, ISP located an Audi taken in an armed vehicular hijacking and attempted a traffic stop on Main at Cedarview in Carbondale, but the vehicle fled. Officers located the vehicle abandoned in a field. Officers located two occupants and took them into custody.

# U.S. Supreme Court Allows Challenges To How Illinois Counts Mail-In Ballots

Justices rule candidates have a personal stake in state election laws

by Ben Szalinski, Capital News Illinois  
The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 that U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, a Republican from Murphysboro, can file a lawsuit to challenge Illinois election laws regardless of whether he can prove the law harmed him.

Bost filed a lawsuit in 2022 challenging a law that allows mail-in ballots to be counted for 14 days after Election Day so long as they were postmarked by Election Day. The court did not weigh the merits

of that lawsuit, only whether Bost had a right to file it.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the majority opinion that Bost has an "obvious" right to challenge election laws because he is a candidate for office.

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote in her dissent that the ruling will open the door to a flood of lawsuits, including ones from candidates after they lose an election by a landslide.

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Mildred Shafer 1p

## King Crossword

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 4)

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Melville captain
  - 5 Bottle part
  - 9 Schlep
  - 12 Petty of "Tank Girl"
  - 13 Jai —
  - 14 Navarro on "The View"
  - 15 Tangy fruit pie
  - 17 White wine cocktail
  - 18 Night light?
  - 19 Comic Chase
  - 21 Prove untrue
  - 24 Converse
  - 25 With (Fr.)
  - 26 Woo with a tune
  - 30 Rule, for short
  - 31 Ohio's "Rubber Capital"
  - 32 Crone
  - 33 Genius
  - 35 Speck
  - 36 Fireplace fuel
  - 37 Golf great Sam
  - 38 "Untrue!"
  - 40 Stated
  - 42 Jargon suffix
  - 43 Small digit
  - 48 "Caught ya!"
  - 49 Leading man?
  - 50 McGregor of film
- DOWN**
- 1 The whole enchilada
  - 2 Weed whacker
  - 3 Branch
  - 4 Having superhuman strength, say
  - 5 Post-WWII alliance
  - 6 Flair
  - 7 Lot vehicle
  - 8 Chef's workplace
  - 9 Sierra Nevada resort
  - 10 Prof's employer
  - 11 Actor Sinise
  - 16 Born abroad?
  - 20 Solo of "Star Wars"
  - 21 Biting remark
  - 22 Always
  - 23 Defendant's defenders
  - 24 Gator's kin
  - 26 Takes to the slopes
  - 27 Epoch
  - 28 Facts and figures
  - 29 "Zounds!"
  - 31 Luanda resident
  - 34 Cyclades isle
  - 35 Truly
  - 37 Part of RSVP
  - 38 Tide type
  - 39 Job-safety org.
  - 40 Male deer
  - 41 \$ dispensers
  - 44 Journalist Tarbell
  - 45 Pair
  - 46 Feedbag bit
  - 47 USN rank

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