



CERRITOS SHERIFF'S STATION

Weekly Crime Summary

December 22 – 28, 2014

There were 13 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, a nice decrease from the 23 the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: one robbery (a shoplift gone bad); two residential burglaries; one commercial/other burglary (a locker); two grand thefts (one was a shoplift); four vehicle burglaries; and three auto thefts. Deputies made five felony arrests, two misdemeanor arrests, two warrant arrests, and issued 25 traffic citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 233 calls for service, a decrease from this year's weekly average of 266 calls.

Robbery:

10930 Alondra Blvd. (12/24): Shoplift suspect detained in a parking lot for stealing expensive tool items and was taken into custody following a fight with a loss prevention officer.

Residential Burglary:

16400 block Greenlake Ln. (12/22): Suspect entered an unlocked garage and stole a purse from an unlocked car.

12400 block Carolyn St. (12/22): While the residence was being fumigated a suspect entered and stole unknown items.

Commercial/Other Burglary:

11800 block Del Amo Blvd. (12/22): Suspect cut lock off of a gym locker and stole a wallet and cell phone.

Vehicle Burglary:

19700 block Mapes Ave. (12/23): Suspect smashed the window of a '04 Toyota and stole passports and Social Security cards.

19200 block Studebaker Rd. (12/23): Suspect punched door lock on a '04 GMC and stole compact discs.

12900 block Park Plaza Dr. (12/24): Suspect smashed window of a '07 Mercedes and stole a black leather bag.

12700 block Center Court Dr. (12/25): Suspect pried open door of a '04 Toyota and stole clothing.

200 Los Cerritos Center (12/26): Suspect stole a '09 Toyota Corolla from the parking lot.

Grand Theft:

239 Los Cerritos Center (12/23): Suspect stole a purse from the food court area.

457 Los Cerritos Center (12/27): Two women stole 20 pairs of sunglasses from Lens Crafters.

Grand Theft Auto:

11300 block South St. (12/23): Suspect stole a '98 Nissan from the rear parking lot.

100 Los Cerritos Center (12/23): Suspect stole a '97 Honda from the Sears parking lot.

It's Still the Car Burglary Season

As recently mentioned in this newsletter, Cerritos has averaged about 3.8 car burglaries each week during this past year. As the last couple of weekly reports indicate, vehicle burglars are busy this time of year and that weekly number has increased substantially in December. The good news is that you don't have to be a victim if you remember some easy-to-practice safety tips. When shopping, travel with a companion if possible, leave the expensive jewelry at home, and don't carry large sums of cash. Never leave valuables visible in your car when it is parked at the mall or even in front of your house or in your driveway. In fact, never leave anything in your car regardless of whether it is visible or not. Window glass does not stop a determined thief, but thieves can't steal what's not left in your car.

Visit Safer Cerritos

The City's safety website, www.safercerritos.com, has an extensive library of crime prevention tips, disaster preparedness information, and a variety of links to other relevant sites. On the website you can join the City's Virtual Block Club, regularly keep abreast of crime trends, and use the knowledge to protect yourself, your family, and your property. Neighborhood Watch works, and in partnership with Cerritos Sheriff's deputies you can significantly reduce your risk of becoming a crime victim. If you "see something, say something," and call the Cerritos Sheriff's at (562) 860-0044.

Volunteers on Patrol Wanted

Looking for an interesting and useful way to serve your community? You may want to consider becoming a Sheriff's Volunteer on Patrol. Patrolling the City in distinctly marked vehicles, VOPs assist with crime suppression, traffic control, vacation checks, special events and park patrols. They serve as additional "eyes and ears" for the Sheriff's Department and train as first responders in the event of a major emergency or disaster. For more information, contact the City of Cerritos Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266, or visit the Division office at the Cerritos Sheriff's Station to obtain an application.

Neighborhood Watch Works - Block Captains Wanted

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains are also a valuable and important way to serve your community and neighborhood. Block Captains serve as a liaison between residents and our Sheriff's Department by networking with neighbors, distributing information about crime incidents and trends, and providing feedback to our law enforcement personnel. Anyone interested in becoming a Block Captain is encouraged to contact the Cerritos Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266.