



CERRITOS SHERIFF'S STATION

Weekly Crime Summary

November 30 – December 06, 2015

There were 29 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, a decrease of five from the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: two robberies, four residential burglaries, one commercial/other structure burglary, six grand thefts, eight vehicle burglaries, and eight vehicle thefts. Cerritos Station deputies made two felony arrests, three misdemeanor arrests, one warrant arrest, and issued 104 citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 291 calls, an increase from the 2015 weekly average of 247.

Robbery:

12200 block of Artesia Boulevard (12/01 – Afternoon): Two unknown suspects approached the victim who was standing in line waiting to make a deposit. The suspects snatched the money from the victim's hand. In the process the money fell to the ground. The suspects picked up some of the money and ran out of the bank, through the parking lot, and out of view.

17200 block of Grayland Avenue (12/06 – Afternoon): The victim and suspect became involved in an argument over a business dispute. The argument escalated and the suspect physically assaulted the victim. The victim attempted to call the police with his cell phone. The suspect wrestled the phone from the victim and fled the location in his vehicle.

Residential Burglary:

18500 block of Newbrook Circle (11/29 – Unknown): The unknown suspect(s) entered the home by shattering a window on a side door. Various electronics and clothing were stolen.

13500 block of Edgefield Street (11/30 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) entered the home by shattering a rear sliding door. Various valuables and U.S. currency were stolen.

18300 block of Kamstra Avenue (12/02 – Day): The unknown suspect(s) entered the home by breaking a rear window. It is unknown if anything was stolen.

12900 block of Charwood Street (12/04 – Unknown): The unknown suspect(s) entered the home by shattering a rear sliding door. It is unknown if anything was stolen.

Commercial/Other Structure Burglary:

17900 block of Crusader Avenue (11/14-16 – Overnight): The unknown suspect(s) entered the location and stole several electronic devices. Entry was made through a lobby door that was intentionally left unlocked as an employee entrance.

Grand Theft:

100 Los Cerritos Center (11/05-12/05 – Unknown): The suspect, who was a store employee, falsified sale transactions in order to provide the stolen merchandise to his associates. The suspect was detained by store loss prevention officers and arrested by Cerritos deputies.

12700 block of Moore Street (11/25-30 – Unknown): The unknown suspect(s) stole several truck batteries from work trucks parked at the rear of the location.

342 Los Cerritos Center (12/06 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) entered the store, while it was open for business, and stole merchandise that was on display.

12600 block of Towne Center Drive (11/30-12/02 – Unknown): The unknown suspect(s) entered the store, while it was open for business, and stole electronic devices.

239 Los Cerritos Center (11/27 – Afternoon): The unknown suspect(s) stole several golf cart batteries from golf carts parked at the rear of the business.

239 Los Cerritos Center (11/28 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) stole several maintenance cart batteries from maintenance carts parked at the rear of the business.

Vehicle Burglary:

11400 block of South Street (12/05 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) entered a 2016 Volkswagen Jetta by shattering a window. A shoulder bag was stolen.

19000 block of Pioneer Boulevard (12/05 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) entered a 2012 Nissan Murano by shattering a window. A suitcase and backpack were stolen.

11300 block of South Street (12/04 – Afternoon): The unknown suspect(s) entered a 2013 Lexus RX350 by shattering a window. A purse was stolen.

500 Los Cerritos Center (12/02 – Afternoon): The unknown suspect(s) entered a 2013 GMC Yukon by punching the rear door lock. A third-row seat and an electronic device were stolen.

11900 block of Del Amo Boulevard (12/03 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) entered a 2007 Toyota Camry by shattering a window. A briefcase and an electronic device were stolen.

239 Los Cerritos Center (12/02 – Afternoon): The unknown suspect(s) entered a 1996 Honda Civic and stole a backpack and electronic device. It is unknown how entry was made.

19200 block of Cecilia Place (12/04-05 – Overnight): The unknown suspect(s) entered a 2007 Honda Accord and stole clothing and valuables. It is unknown how entry was made.

12200 block of Rose Street (12/02-03 – Overnight): The unknown suspect(s) entered a 2012 Toyota Prius and stole a carrying bag and electronic device. It is unknown how entry was made.

Grand Theft Auto:

10900 block of Alondra Boulevard (12/01 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 1997 Honda Accord from the parking lot.

12800 block of Towne Center Drive (12/02 – Afternoon): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 2008 Cadillac Escalade from the parking lot.

11400 block of South Street (12/05 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 1995 Nissan Maxima from the parking lot.

11100 block of 183rd Street (12/03 – Afternoon): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe from the parking lot.

12200 block of Rose Street (12/02-03 – Overnight): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 2013 Toyota Prius from the driveway.

11200 block of 183rd Street (11/30 – Afternoon): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 1995 Honda Civic from the parking lot.

10900 block of Alondra Boulevard (12/05 – Day): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 2001 Chevrolet S10 from the parking lot.

20200 block of State Road (11/25-30 – Unknown): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 2012 Anderson Trailer from the parking lot.

Simple Prevention Tips

Of all the major criminal offenses, residential burglary is amongst the most common nationwide. A burglary is reported every 15 seconds in the United States. There are ways you can protect your home from burglary and your belongings from theft. Examine your home on the outside and inside to see what changes may make your home less attractive to criminals:

Lighting - It is a recognized fact that good lighting is a deterrent to crime. Lighting lets the homeowner see the pathway they take from their vehicle to the house. It permits them to see as they stop at the door to use their keys. Effective lighting also forces the intruder to work in an area where he may be exposed and reported to the police. All sides of the home should be protected by security lighting that is located high, out of reach, and is vandal resistant.

Landscaping and Plant Materials - Bushes, trees, and shrubbery can conceal an intruder as he attempts entry into a window or door; or worse yet, as he waits in hiding for the homeowner! The intruder's ideal target is a house surrounded by large hedges or shrubs, which serve to hamper visibility from the street and neighbor's houses. Trim shrubbery and trees so doors, windows, driveways, and sidewalks are visible. Prune trees so a thief cannot climb into second story windows. Planting spiny or thorny plants along fences and under windows may discourage burglars from climbing fences or entering through windows.

Doors and Windows - Doors are usually the burglar's first choice of entry into a home. Exterior doors should be of solid core wood or steel and properly installed. The strike plate should be secured with at least three inch screws. Sliding glass doors should have a dowel to insert in the track, or a secondary lock, to prevent the door from being removed. All exterior doors should be fitted with a deadbolt lock. Windows can be a way for a burglar to enter a home. The primary interest in securing windows is to eliminate entry by prying open or breaking a small area of glass to reach

a single latch. Use a professional glazing material to cover any windows within arm's reach of a door. Use a secondary lock or dowel in the track of all windows.

Do not give the burglar a helping hand. Lock all doors and windows when you leave. Many burglaries occur because a door was left unlocked either intentionally or by accident.

Give your home an occupied look. When away from home, leave a radio playing. Always leave a few inner lights on at night. Automatic timers can be used to vary the on/off pattern of interior lights when you are away.

Use common sense. Do not leave notes outside your home or on your answering machine announcing your absence. Do not leave any keys hidden outside your home.

Protect your property. Keep a record of your electronics and other items to include the brand, model, and the serial number. Do not keep large sums of cash or easily stolen valuables, such as jewelry, unprotected in your home. Keep valuables you don't use often in a safety deposit box.

Protect your property outside your home. Use secure locks on your bicycles, barbecues, and tools, or put them inside.

Be cautious of strangers. Do not allow people you do not know access to your home. Do not provide temptation by leaving your valuables within easy access when you are entertaining guests.

If you see a suspicious person(s) or activity in your neighborhood or business, call the Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 860-0044 or 911 immediately. If you have not already done so, consider entering the Cerritos Sheriff's Station phone number in your cell phone contacts for quick reference.