



## CERRITOS SHERIFF'S STATION

# *Weekly Crime Summary*

### May 2 – 8, 2016

There were 26 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, resulting in a decrease of 14 from the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: one robbery, one aggravated assault, 13 residential burglaries, three grand thefts, seven vehicle burglaries, and one vehicle theft. Cerritos Station deputies made three felony arrests, five misdemeanor arrests, two warrant arrests, and issued 59 citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 375 calls for service.

#### **Robbery:**

**12700 block of Towne Center Drive (05/04 – Evening):** The suspect was seen by store loss prevention officers placing several items into multiple bags. After filling the bags, the suspect ran out the front doors without attempting to pay for the items. The officers followed the suspect outside and identified themselves. The suspect pulled pepper spray out of her jacket and sprayed the officers in the face. The officers detained the suspect and she was arrested by Cerritos deputies.

#### **Aggravated Assault:**

**19700 block of Thornlake Avenue (05/03 – Evening):** Two friends became involved in a physical altercation. Both the victim and the suspect were uncooperative with law enforcement.

#### **Residential Burglary:**

**19900 block of Christina Circle (05/02 – Unknown):** The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding door. It is unknown what was stolen.

**10700 block of Droxford Street (05/02 – Morning):** The suspect(s) entered the attached garage of the home by forcing open the rollup garage door. Stolen was a bicycle. No entry was made into the home.

**18700 block of Bloomfield Ave (05/02 – Day):** The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding door. Stolen were purses and valuables.

**17800 block of Harvest Avenue (05/03 – Afternoon):** The suspect(s) entered the location through the rear sliding door that had been left unlocked. Stolen was an electronic device and a vehicle which was parked inside of the garage.

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**12800 block of Cuesta Street (05/03-04 – Overnight):** The suspect(s) attempted to enter the home by prying open a rear door. No entry was made into the home.

**18600 block of Kings Row Avenue (05/05 – Morning):** The suspects entered the location by prying open a rear door. The suspects were arrested as they exited the home.

**13900 block of Reva Street (05/06 – Day):** The suspect(s) entered the location by shattering a rear window. Stolen was U.S. currency.

**18100 block of Stowers Avenue (05/06 – Day):** The suspect(s) entered the location by cutting a hole in a rear security door. It is unknown what was stolen.

**1800 block of Stowers Avenue (05/06 – Day):** The suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the rear sliding door. It is unknown what was stolen from the home.

**17400 block of Sybrandy Avenue (04/24-05/06 – Unknown):** The suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the rear sliding door. It is unknown what was stolen.

**13100 block of Carolyn Street (05/05-08 – Unknown):** The suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the rear sliding door. It is unknown what was stolen.

#### **Grand Theft:**

**19100 block of Owen Way (05/02-03 – Unknown):** The suspect(s) stole a mobile scooter that was parked on the victim's porch.

**239 Los Cerritos Center (05/04 – Evening):** The suspects entered the location, while it was open for business, and stole several bottles of perfume.

**17500 block of Fabrica Way (05/07-08 – Overnight):** The suspect(s) stole vehicle batteries from various parked vehicles.

#### **Vehicle Burglary:**

**19100 block of Bloomfield Avenue (05/02 – Evening):** The suspect(s) entered a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban, which was parked at a residence, by punching the door lock. Stolen was a purse.

**12600 block of South Street (05/02 – Evening):** The suspect(s) entered a 2016 Kia Sorento, which was parked on the street, by shattering a window. Stolen were personal documents.

**13100 block of Alondra Boulevard (04/26-05/03 – Unknown):** The suspect(s) entered a 2005 Ford E-250 and a 2006 Ford E-250, which were parked, by shattering the windows. It is unknown if anything was stolen.

**16700 block of Judy Way (05/03-04 – Overnight):** The suspect(s) entered a 2006 Toyota Corolla which was parked on the street, by shattering a window. Stolen was a wallet and cell phone.

**10900 block of Alondra Boulevard (05/04 – Morning):** The suspect(s) entered a 1998 Ford E-250 which was parked and stole numerous tools. It is unknown how entry was made.

**239 Los Cerritos Center (05/06 – Evening):** The suspect(s) entered a 2016 Chevrolet Traverse in the parking lot by shattering a window. Stolen were clothing, makeup, and shoes. The items were recovered a short time later when Cerritos deputies arrested the suspect for petty theft from a store.

**19700 block of Nicholas Avenue (05/08 – Morning):** The suspect(s) entered a 2006 Suzuki Forenza, which was parked in the driveway, and stole an electronic device and chargers. It is unknown how entry was made.

#### **Grand Theft Auto:**

**17800 block of Harvest Avenue (05/03 – Day):** The suspect(s) stole a 1996 Volvo 850W from inside of the garage.

### ***Simple Prevention Tips***

Most residential burglaries take place during traditional work hours because homes are often unoccupied during these hours. When do the residents leave for work? When do they return from work? Do they come home for lunch? What is in the trash? Is the box from the new 60" HD TV prominently displayed on the curb awaiting trash pickup? An open garage door not only offers an opportunity to steal property, but allows the burglar to obtain tools to use for this and future burglaries. Residents can take steps to lessen the likelihood of becoming a victim by replacing or re-keying all locks when you move into a new home or apartment, installing one-inch case hardened steel deadbolt locks on all exterior doors, keeping windows and doors locked at all times, having curtains or blinds on all windows, installing a 190-degree door viewer or door scope in your front door, looking before opening your door to anyone, requiring identification from all repair persons or public service individuals without opening the door, hanging up on frightening or obscene calls, and investing in an answer machine and screening your calls.

Auto thefts and burglary are common crimes of opportunity. Thieves are naturally deterred by police presence. However, we cannot be everywhere at the same time. Therefore, residents continue to be a first line-of-defense against crimes of opportunity in their community. Do not make it easy for criminals to take advantage of you, your family or your property. Sound home security practices are a good deterrent and help to eliminate "opportunity." Burglars try to avoid drawing attention to themselves. Detection of a suspect increases when they are forced to work where they can be seen.

If you see suspicious person(s) or activity in your neighborhood or business, call Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 860-0044 or 911 immediately. It is a good idea to keep the Sheriff's Station phone number stored in your cell phone for quick reference.